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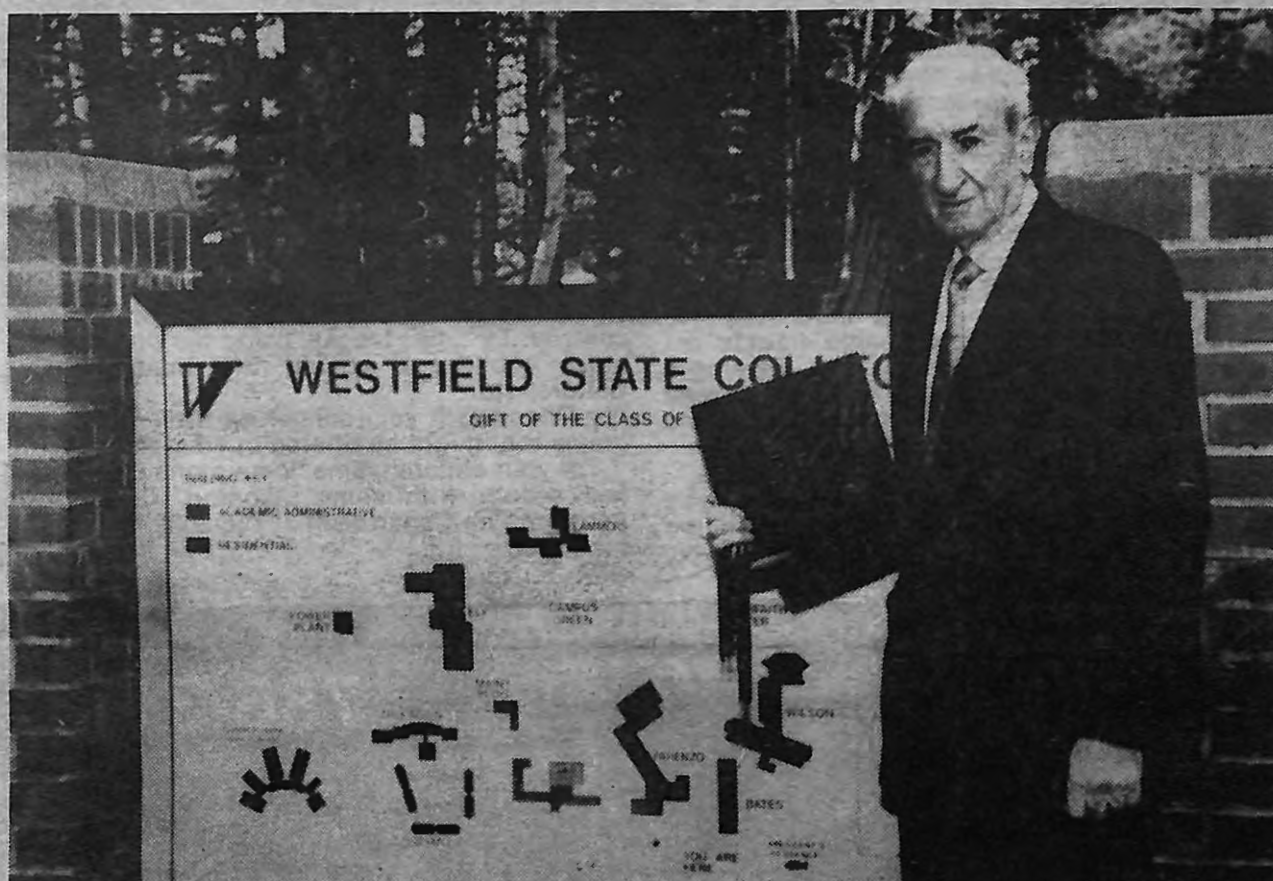
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**RAYMOND NARDI, 77**, of 40 River Street, Agawam, is receiving his bachelor of science degree from Westfield State College on Sunday, May 24th.

## At 77, Ray Nardi Receives Degree; Law School Next?

At age 77, Raymond Nardi of Agawam will graduate from Westfield State College with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice on Sunday, May 24th.

Nardi may have had a slow start, but now he's making up for lost time: he plans to take the LSAT exam next fall in preparation for law school.

"I should've done this years ago," says Nardi, who lives at 40 River Street. He is a lifelong resident of this town.

Nardi was in high school when necessity interrupted his education. He went to work at a variety of jobs: at a grocery store; with the Boston/Albany/New York Central Railroad as a brakeman; an in an electronics factory.

He also became certified to teach driver's education. In the meantime, going to night school, he earned a high school diploma in 1956.

### Started His College Career

Almost 30 years later, he started his college career. Why? Because, as he tells us, he's had "so many problems with lawyers." For example, Nardi remembers a dispute over ownership of some land which lasted 20 years. The case passed from lawyer to lawyer until Nardi took his case to court himself and won a decree in his favor. In that do-it-yourself spirit, he decided at the age of 70 to begin the study of law.

His first step was to take criminal justice courses at WSC.

He started out at WSC with one class, and ended up taking four classes a semester, both day and evening. In addition to acquiring study skills for undergraduate research and writing, he has had to learn how to use a computer.

While he says that he "learned a lot" from the variety of subjects he studied, including astronomy and environmental biology - he maintained his interest in the law. He took courses from several different criminal justice faculty members, and enjoyed them all.

SEE RAY NARDI - Page 2...

## Sat. In The Park; "Town Fair" Coming To Perry Lane Park

by Bob Johnson  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When opportunity knocks, you're supposed to answer the door and I'll be doing exactly that this Saturday (May 23rd) over at Perry Lane Park in Agawam.

The Agawam Town Fair, sponsored by the Junior Women's Club, will be going on with all the usual goings on. You can stuff yourself silly with food and drink and probably do a little "legal" gambling. There will be facing painting and photo opportunities with the Ninja Turtle and clowns, etc. It will be a late May "Saturday in the Park" on Memorial Day Weekend that can be enjoyed by the entire family.

Town Fairs are cool and one of community's most civic-minded groups, the Junior Women's Club, has spent considerable time and effort in planning this event.

Now, to be perfectly honest, this will be my first such event that I didn't read about in *The Advertiser-News*. I'll be on hand to kiss little children, rile up the sports fans, and tell a joke here and there.

SEE TOWN FAIR - Page 2...

## Academic Symposium At AHS Shows Plenty Of Student Anxiety

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

The Fourth Annual Superintendent's Symposium was held in the Agawam High cafeteria on Thursday, May 14th. This year's attendance nearly tripled the number of AHS students who attended from past years. School administrators, faculty members, former AHS graduates, and parents also attended.

Feeding Hills Attorney Richard Morassi, as he has the past four years, gave the welcoming remarks. He focused on the purpose of the program, which included stimulating intellectual discussion on the quality of education in Agawam.

He made reference to Socrates being responsible for the first symposium "back in 416 BC," and that those in attendance "were here tonight because we care about the high school."

SEE SYMPOSIUM -  
Education Section...

## 1992-'93 Renewals Being Sent Out

We are now sending out renewal notices to our subscribers for July 1st, 1992 to July 1st, 1993. Those who pay before July 1st will be charged \$16.50; after July 1st, \$19. Please send the form you receive in the mail to Office Services, Box 96, Agawam, MA 01001. We again deeply thank our subscribers for your continued support.



**TOWN FAIR - from Page 1...**

(\*\*Incidentally, we must be coming out of the recession because more and more people are telling jokes these days. If you see me, stop me and I'll tell you a couple because I've got a couple of beauties this time around).

My wife, Terry, and my two kids, Bradley and Whitney will be there, too. They'll be running (and in Whitney's case rolling) all over and having a great time with all the other youngsters.

I understand there will be a shuttle bus providing transportation from Phelps School for those in need of a ride. The event coordinators have thought of everything. Weather is not supposed to be a problem, but they'll push it back to May 30th (Saturday) if it gets rained out.

One of the best parts of the whole thing is going to be the dunking booth. I looked over the long list of town "celebrities" who will be participating in that gig and one named jumped off the page for me. It wasn't Mayor Johnson or Senator Melconian, or even physical education teacher Kirk Parker that caught my eye. It was Mr. Richard Sardella.

The publisher and editor of your hometown newspaper is going to subject himself to the whim of the public and climb the ladder to the dunking booth.

Now, sometimes there isn't a lot of money in my budget for the "fluff" stuff these days. But these opportunities only come along once in a blue moon. I may have to rob Bradley's piggy bank, but rest assured that I will be in line when Ric is in the "hot" seat.

He won't be there for long, let me clue you. Many of you have heard about as much as you can stand about my rotator cuff. But I'm going to air that baby out come Saturday afternoon!

I may even go from the full wind-up. I may go with my Juan Marichal impersonation. I may miss the target every time...but if I do, maybe one other member of the staff will get him - Phil, Ellen, or Lee. I wish Jack Devine wasn't laid up - he'd be right there busting chops. Somebody is going to get our boss - the whole staff might be in line!

**For all the local news, you turn our pages every week**

**RAY NARDI - from Page 1...**

"The criminal justice courses really get you thinking," he said, noting that he did his best in courses such as economic crime and organized crime.

Majoring in criminal justice offered him the opportunity to share the classroom with young people and police officers from different Western Mass. communities. "It was interesting because you get different viewpoints," he said.

**Something Of A Specialty**

Different viewpoints are something of a specialty with Nardi, who has been involved in state and local politics for many years. He was active on old Agawam Board of Finance, and in the 1960's worked on an anti-drug-by-law initiative in the

community.

At one time, he even ran for public office, hoping to serve as state representative or state senator. But his campaigns were not successful, perhaps in part because of his refusal to accept financial contributions (on principle).

"I don't care about going after contributions. It means you have to cater to special interest groups," said Nardi, who has no plans to re-enter the political arena once he receives a college degree.

Though his do-it-yourself attitude may have landed him on Beacon Hill, it may soon land him in law school with some classmates less than half his age.

But when it comes to education, Nardi says, "better late than never."

**Fire-Wise**

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

**When You Are Home Alone**

For parents with children who spend time on their own before or after school, safety and security is a major concern. Here are some suggestions to help you prepare your children for being home alone.

- Make sure your home is secure. Check doors and windows to make sure all locks are in working order and that your child knows how to open the lock should it become necessary for him or her to get out of the house. Also, trim shrubs and bushes near doors and windows so no one can hide behind them.

- Check your home for fire hazards. Working smoke detectors should be installed on each level. They should be tested monthly and the battery should be changed annually. All appliances should be in good working order. Make sure matches, lighters, and any flammable liquids are stored out of the reach of children. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it several times with your children. They should understand that if a fire starts they should leave the house and call the fire department from a neighbor's.

- A first-aid kit should be stored where it can be found easily in case of minor cuts. Teach children basic first aid for small, cuts, burns, nose bleeds, etc.

- Compile a list of important phone numbers and post it near all phones. Include work, neighbor, relative, fire, police, ambulance, and others that you feel are necessary. Your child should know his/her phone number and complete address, including apartment number, name of apartments, and any other information that could assist emergency vehicles if necessary.

- Spend time teaching your children personal safety rules. Play lots of "What If?" games. This will help them recognize and develop responses to certain situations.

- Establish some "house rules" with your children. They should be clearly stated, written, and posted where visible. Your child should understand what the consequences will be should he or she break a rule. Topics to be covered: TV time, snacks, using the phone or other appliances around the house, having visitors, etc.

- Check with your school for after-school programs that might be offered in your area.

For your children, time home alone can be safe and secure with some planning. Contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 for more information.

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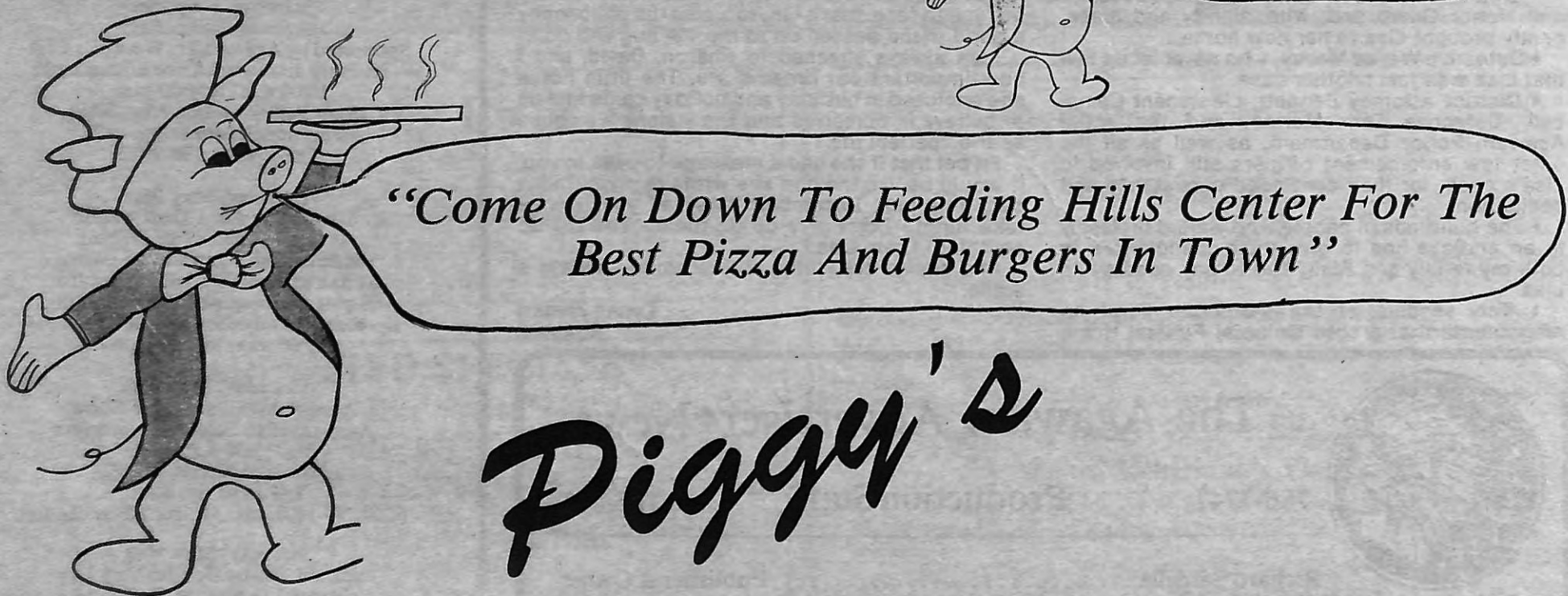
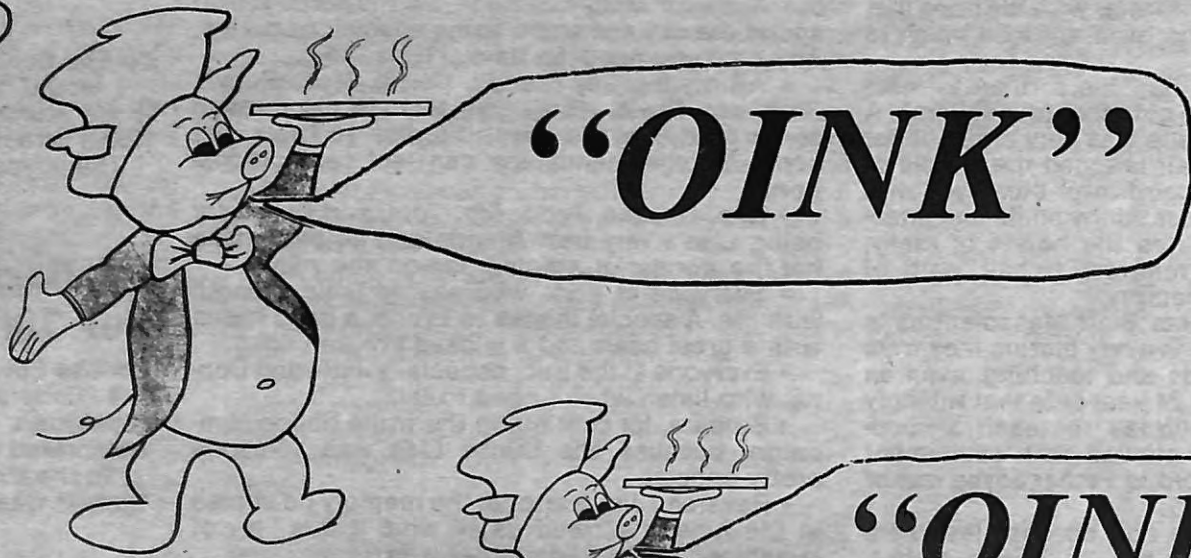
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## Letters To The Editor

### Ziegert Family Sends Out Deep Appreciation To Town

#### To The Editor:

I've started this letter in my head over and over. How do you express your thanks and gratefulness to hundreds of people? I wish I could say that I knew every one of you who took the time to write my family a note, or drop a card. As that is not possible, I am writing this letter with the hope that it reaches all of you who have done so much to help my family.

For those that never had the fortune to meet her, Lisa was the second-oldest of four children. A little on the short side, she was very proud of her 5'2". Her curly brown hair reached the middle of her back, and she had cornflower blue eyes with golden flecks in them. Her sunny smile and infectious giggle have captured the hearts of many, and they are often referred to as part of someone's "happiest memory."

The love of her life was Blair Massola; this is evident by her big smile in every picture they were ever in. She adored kids and teaching, even on bad days. There are few 24 year-olds that willingly get up early on a Saturday to teach second-graders CCD. Yet she glowed with excitement when she told me how proud Father Joyce was of her CCD class.

She had many friends and no enemies; there wasn't anything about her to really dislike. Anyone who ever shopped in Brittany's knows that she was quick to smile and say "hello," and ready to help if you asked.

I try so hard to think of witty and comforting things to say to all of you, but the words don't come. I know I haven't really accepted Lisa's death, and her absence makes me forgetful sometimes. It may not make any sense, but my sister is on my mind constantly and I lose my train of thoughts for other things.

Therefore, please forgive me if I forget to acknowledge anyone. It is not lack of understanding for what you have done, but my heart can handle only so much remembering at a time.

My family's thanks go to:

- Our family and close friends who camped at my parents' house, answering phones and making sure we all ate something. Their friendship and love will be with us forever.

- Lisa's friends who made up the pallbearers and Honor Guard and, with dignity and grace, gently brought Lisa to her new home.

- Detective Wayce Macey, who never let us feel that Lisa was just another case.

- District Attorney Bennett, Lieutenant Campbell, Detective Tom Marmo, and the entire Agawam Police Department, as well as all the other law enforcement officers still involved in Lisa's case, for their continued persistence and dedication.

- The hundreds of people who waited tirelessly in an endless line to give their condolences to both my family and Blair, and to say goodbye to Lisa.

- The senders of the incredible floral arrangements that graced Colonial Funeral Home

for Lisa's wake, and made her grave the most beautiful in the cemetery.

- Peter Forastiere, for being both generous and thoughtful, and helping us get through some very difficult decisions.

- All the people who still wear a white ribbon in remembrance and prayer.

- Everyone who has contributed to Lisa's Memorial Fund, to ensure that for some, her memory will live forever.

- Those who visit her at the cemetery, proving that her 24 years made a difference to a whole lot of people.

- The Borgatti family, Alvin's, and everyone who brought food to the reception after the funeral.

- Everyone who sent flowers to brighten a very despondent household.

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My personal thanks to:

- Blair, for giving Lisa the happiest two years of her life.

- Ann, Phila, and Ed, whose hearts were broken with mine and Blair's; for their love and support at the loss of one of "the circle." I'll always love you.

- Eric, Des, Kim, and all my friends, who waited out the worst with me and Blair.

- Mr. Cowles, all the teachers, and students at the Agawam Middle School, who allowed me to spend the day and share some special memories. Any time you need me back, I'll be there.

- All my faraway friends, Carrie, Matt, Robyn, Rick, and Kevin, who came to help me through some pretty terrible days. It's nice to know that some college friendships can last past graduation.

- Kim, Deanne, Todd, Sib, Tom, and Susie, for being Lisa's very best friends and helping make her the wonderful, shining person she was.

- Everyone at work, who shared their strength with me. A special thanks to Lynne, a good friend with a great heart and a wicked chicken soup.

- Everyone at the Buc, especially Julie and Donna, who listen when I need to talk.

- Barbara, for continuing the white ribbon campaign, because she thinks Lisa was someone pretty special.

- Reverend Jim Martone; the memory he shared at the funeral showed us all what a true "ray of sunshine" his band-daughter was.

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There is nothing we can do to change the horrible thing that has happened to our family. I pray every night that this has all been some kind of dream. That when I wake up in the morning my sister and best friend will be smiling at me, and asking *again* to borrow the yellow sweatshirt I had her buried in.

Or that we'll be washing the dishes at Mom and Dad's, and even though it drives her crazy, Lisa will sing the MOCKINGBIRD SONG with me for the millionth time. I know it will never happen, but I can't stop hoping.

It is impossible to explain all the feelings we have been dealing with, and I'm sure that a lot of you don't know how to approach us when you see us around town. Don't feel as though you can't talk with us because you aren't sure what to say. The cards and letters prove that you do.

But if you don't know what to say when you see us face-to-face, that's OK, too. Use the philosophy a good friend passed on to me: "A hug will do."

Lisa always stressed to Sharon, David, and I how important our dreams are. The little notes she enclosed in birthday and holiday cards told us to believe in ourselves and the visions we chose as the "perfect life."

I'll bet that if she had a message to pass to you, it would be like the one she wrote in my birthday card this past December: "May all your *dreams* take flight - Don't give up on them - You *can* do anything! Love, Lisa."

She signed everything with a smile—always a smile.

Lynne Ziegert  
Agawam

### Townpeople Can Still Send Donations For Anne Sullivan

#### To The Editor:

The Anne Sullivan memorial sculpture, "Water," will be dedicated on Sunday, June 28th, at a time to be announced.

The end of the campaign is finally in sight. While we still need a few major contributors, any and all contributions—large or small—are welcome.

On Saturday, May 30th, the Anne Sullivan Committee members will be on the site at Granger School to accept contributions, as well as to sell pins (\$1 each) and Anne Sullivan t-shirts. The rain date for this event will be Sunday, May 31st.

Thank you,  
Marilyn Curry, Chairman  
Anne Sullivan Committee

### Stunning Yellow Tulips Brighten North Street

#### To The Editor:

I would like to know who is responsible for those stunning yellow tulips at the stop light on North Street.

Thank you. It happens to be my favorite color!

Jane Dennis  
Feeding Hills

### Ed Barako Congratulated For 70th Birthday

#### To The Editor:

I understand the secretary of the Polish American Club, Ed Barako, has recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

To the kindest, most honorable man I know, I do hope it was the best ever.

Congrats!!  
Jane Dennis  
Feeding Hills

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, May 23rd  
Agawam Town Fair

Sponsored by Agawam Jr. Women's Club  
At Perry Lane Park (free admission)

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Rain date Saturday, May 30th)

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Thursday, May 28th

Commodity Food Distribution

At Senior Center (for 60-plus

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11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 28th

Annual AHS Vaudeville Show

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Saturday, May 30th

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR - continued from Page 4...

## Staff Of Robinson Park Thanked By PTO Member

### To The Editor:

I would like to take a moment to thank the staff at Robinson Park School for everything they do for our children during the course of the school year.

I think as parents we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people working with our children every day. They show a great deal of concern and understanding, and have a positive impact on the young lives they touch.

On May 13th, we tried to show the staff how much we appreciate their concern and interest in our children. We hope they enjoyed the luncheon as much as we enjoyed doing it for them.

To all of the parents that helped in this event, I would like to say thank-you. To all the mothers and fathers who covered the rooms for the teachers, everyone who baked and cooked, the three moms that helped set up the day before, everyone that helped clean up, also, sincere thanks.

Also, sincere appreciation to the kitchen ladies who lent us their kitchen and helped in many ways, to the people that worked so hard to put all these volunteers together and to the moms that watched our younger children so we could be at school to help out.

And a special thank-you to Sue Corbin for her many hours of work making the candy for the teachers' gifts. They were outstanding.

I would like you all to know that without your help, this would not be possible and with your help, the day went perfectly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Chris Demetrlon  
Chairperson

Please remember  
our deadline is  
Tuesday at noon.  
Renewals are out.

# Melconian Says Victimizing Women Must Be Thwarted In Mass.

In a press release issued last week, State Senator Linda Melconian (D-Springfield) called for an end to the victimization of women.

"Recently," she began, "national news has focused on Los Angeles, Rodney King, and the ensuing riots. Rodney King was a victim of racial tension in our country. We all recognize that black men in our pluralistic society have historically been subjected to discriminatory treatment.

Ironically, women—black or white, and collectively a majority group—confront countless situations in Massachusetts which render the label 'victim.'

**"Child Support:** many mothers who have custody of their children do not receive the financial support ordered by the court. The result: too many mothers are forced to go on welfare in order to provide for their families.

**"The Weld Administration,** in a nationally acclaimed effort, recently published the 10 'most wanted' men who have failed to pay their child support. Individuals whose residences are unknown owed from \$11,000 to \$50,000 in child support payments.

**"Even with state programs in effect which include wage assessment, attachment of state income tax returns, and unemployment and worker's compensation benefits, many custodial parents—75% of whom are women—receive a part or no support at all."**

Melconian continued, "If the non-custodial parent is self-employed, does not file income tax returns, or receives compensation 'under the table,' it is impossible to attach his income.

**"Failure to force the implementation of child support payments is a disgrace. It destroys the family, increases our welfare roles, and retards the development of the child or children impacted.**

**"Furthermore, it creates the wrong perception that the law is nothing more than a symbol with no punishment for its violation, nor recourse for those who look to it for support.**

**"The Commonwealth's custodial parents and, most importantly, the children deserve a child support system which is efficient, effective,**

responsive, and fair."

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**"Battered women:** unfortunately, in America today there is a quiet war raging in many households which, unlike Rodney King, is never videotaped," noted Melconian.

**"Its brutality is not inflicted by police clubs, but rather by spouses in the form of psychological and physical abuse. Here again, women are the predominant victims.**

**"In some cases, the women develop a psychological syndrome called the 'battered women's syndrome,' which renders them a psychological prisoner in their own home, incapable of fleeing their batterer.**

**"We need to unlock this psycho prison by providing adequate funding in our state budget for centers for battered women which provide shelter, food, and protection.**

**"Furthermore," she said, "our judicial system must be strengthened in the area of restraining order and bail enforcement. Changes must be made in the law to assure that victims are truly provided the security and protection they need.**

**"Divorce:** Massachusetts should examine counseling as part of shared and joint custody opportunities for spouses who are in the process of obtaining a divorce.

**"Finally, our educational system must acknowledge not only only Cicero and Galileo, but also society's current conditions by placing emphasis on gender education, interpersonal relationships, sex education, and skills which channel emotion in socially acceptable ways rather than today's TV solution of fists and bullets.**

Melconian emphasized, "The Joint Committee on Judiciary, of which I am the Senate vice chairwoman, is focusing on a package of legislature initiatives which would address these issues. We hope to report within the month.

**"If you are concerned about these issues or have been victimized from non-payment of child support, or espousal abuse, please feel free to share your experiences and recommendations for change with my district office, 786-6033," she concluded.**

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## Agawam Police Blotter For Last Week

On May 10th, **John Glnman**, 470 Memorial Avenue, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with assault & battery, and operating without a license. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Ronald Brown.

On May 10th, **Patricia Miller**, 320 Park Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Detective Dan Ciak and Mark Pfau.

On May 10th, **Andrew Unsderfer**, 12 North Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon and assault & battery. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon, Richard Light, Jr., and Gary O'Brien.

On May 11th, **Eugene Smith III**, 11 Randall Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and driving without a license. Arresting officer was Mark Pfau.

On May 11th, **Amedeo Dimatteo**, 1063 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon and assault & battery. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr., Mark Poggi, Steve Grasso, and Ben Moore.

On May 15th, **Anatoly Melnychuk**, 35 West Alvord Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Gerald O'Keefe and Karen Langevin.

On May 15th, **Randy F. Bousquet**, 511 Whitney Road, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officer was Auxiliary Officer Bill Kushin.

On May 15th, **Walter Zuniga**, of Hollywood, California, was arrested and charged with indecent assault & battery on a child under 14 years of age. Arresting officer was Sergeant Gary Nardi.

On May 15th, **Michael Batlo**, of Hollywood, California, was arrested and charged with indecent assault & battery on a child under 14 years of age. Arresting officer was Sergeant Gary Nardi.

## Council Seeks Members For Economic Comm.

The Agawam Town Council is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the Agawam Economic Development and Industrial Corporation.

The purpose of this corporation is to attract new industry to Agawam and to expand existing industry through an economic development project. The seven member board of directors of the corporation is comprised of professionals in various careers to give a wide scope of experience in the execution of the corporation's duties and responsibilities.

Experience in each of the following areas, industrial development, financial matters, real estate matters, municipal government, and a representative of low income people, is required of at least one member.

Interested residents are urged to submit letters of interest with a summary of any qualifications for the position to the Town Council Office by June 10th.

Letters may be mailed to: Agawam Town Council, Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

## Agawam Crime Prevention... Police Brutality

by Detective Wayne Macey  
Agawam Police Department

Police brutality, whenever and wherever it occurs, has always been treated as a "media event." It is clearly an abuse of power and authority and, as such, it is the subject of close public scrutiny.

There are times when the line between "necessary force" and police brutality is indeed thin. There are other times when the abuse is blatant, and it is during these times when we as police officers suffer the consequences dictated by the actions of a few.

As was demonstrated in Los Angeles, and as it (at times) happens in other parts of the country, police brutality is a very real and unfortunate fact of life. The reasons behind this violent behavior are many and varied, but the issue remains the same.

In most cases, it is an overreaction to fears both real and perceived.

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Police officers are constantly aware that they are the men and women who make decisions for those unable or unwilling to make their own. In most situations calling for police assistance, the abuse of drugs and/or alcohol is a major contributor to the problem. People under the influence are seldom rational and even less often reasonable.

It is when reason fails, that situations escalate to approach and sometimes cross that thin line between what is necessary and what is not. Police officers are not machines; they are people subject to the same emotions and feelings as the public they serve.

It is expected that they will both act and react in a reasonable, professional manner. However, there are times when their patience and understanding is stretched to the limit.

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Police deliver an emergency-based service requiring an immediate response to difficult and dangerous situations. The stress involved in constantly "answering the bell" must be dealt with in a way that makes the police officer aware of his or her limitations.

Police brutality is the unfortunate result of an officer's inability to properly vent his fear, frustration, and anger. Hopefully, the incident in Los Angeles will bring enough attention to the problem.

Education is the key. An awareness that the problem exists and it won't go away by itself.

## Councilor Willis Slates Office Hours May 22nd

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold her monthly office hours at the Agawam Senior Center, at 57 Wright Street, on Friday, May 22nd, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Willis will be available to listen to constituent concerns. All residents are invited to attend.

## Walsh Opposes Hike In Health Insurance

Labelling the requested rate increase both "excessive and insensitive," Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) has urged the Commissioner of Insurance to reject the current premium increase proposal of 39.6% requested by Blue Cross and Blue Shield for non-group coverage.

"During these difficult economic times, with cut backs, downsizing and layoffs the norm, a rate increase of this magnitude will cause many families to make the difficult choice between health care coverage or some other necessity."

"Before such a decision needs to be made, Blue Cross and Blue Shield should take a step back and look at its own allocation of resources with an eye towards sparing their consumers," Walsh said.

In a resolution adopted in the House, Walsh suggests that careful scrutiny be given to administrative costs generated by the mega-insurance company.

In particular, Walsh was concerned with \$1.5 million given as bonuses to top Blue Cross and Blue Shield executives, while at the same time, those executives were calling for premium increases.

"We need to be assured that the Blues are operating as cost-effectively as possible. While the State has had to make tough decisions in order to balance its budget, and families continue to balance home financing needs, Blue Cross and Blue Shield needs to better document what steps it has taken to keep costs down."

"Until this is done, the Commissioner should rule their rate increase request out of order," stressed Walsh.

Action on the rate request has been delayed for 30 days to allow the Commissioner to review the information submitted by the legislature and others advocating on behalf of the insured.

## State To Offer Special License Plates For Vets

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) recently announced the state will provide special license plates for veterans who served their country in wartime.

"I am delighted that we will be able to honor these veterans in this fashion. Although a small token in recognizing their sacrifices, it allows us to pay tribute to the men and women who proudly wore the uniform of our country," said Walsh.

The plates will be disbursed at all Registry of Motor Vehicles offices beginning May 15th. Any veteran who served in the armed forces while the country was at war or conflict is eligible.

In addition to the regular \$40 registration fee, a charge of \$20 will be assessed. The proceeds are earmarked for the Massachusetts Soldiers Homes which provide both medical and social services to veterans. Walsh noted that license plates for Pearl Harbor survivors will also be available.

While there is no preferential treatment for veterans plates as there is for disabled veterans or handicapped plates, Walsh pointed out it is purely for recognition of service to one's country. "These plates are a proud reminder of the commitment these heroes made for all of us," stated Walsh.

Veterans with further questions about the special plate program should contact their local RMV Office or the Veterans Administration at (617) 227-4600.

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## DA'S Office, State Grab "Dead Beat" For Child Support

The Department of Revenue (DOR), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Hampden County District Attorney's Office, recently announced the arraignment of Peter Tergliafera, formerly of Feeding Hills, who was listed on the Department of Revenue's "Ten Most Wanted" list of child support offenders.

He was arraigned on Thursday, May 14th, 1992, in Hampden County Superior Court, Springfield, and appeared before Judge William Simons.

Tergliafera, 29, was served with a Massachusetts warrant for his arrest on May 4th after he had been picked up in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on an unrelated charge. He waived extradition at that time and was brought back to Massachusetts by the Hampden County District Attorney's office.

According to DAR records, Tergliafera owes more than \$13,237 in child support for his two children, ages six and eight. He has missed his \$50 per week child support payments for over 264 weeks.

Tergliafera was arrested on a criminal warrant after leaving the state without making reasonable provisions for his family and not providing for his spouse and/or minor children; a civil warrant for non-support is also outstanding.

Tergliafera was reportedly living in Cleveland, Ohio. His location became known to DOR when a television station in Cleveland, acting on an anonymous tip to the station, surprised Tergliafera at a Cleveland address and broadcast an interview with him.

The interview was shown on WCVB-TV, Boston, and DOR followed up to obtain his address.

Once his address was known, the Hampden County District Attorney's office indicted Tergliafera on charges of criminal non-support, obtained a criminal warrant for his arrest, and relayed the information to Ohio officials.

But, before officials were able to arrest Tergliafera on the Massachusetts charge, he had been picked up on the unrelated charge in Chagrin Falls.

Tergliafera brings to six the number of child support delinquents from DOR's "Ten Most Wanted" list that have been arrested since the program was implemented on April 7th.

Mark Bloom of Hyannis; Steven Verrell of Lynn; David Carr of Auburn; Michael Marsh, formerly of Pittsfield; and Kenneth Courchene, formerly of Weymouth, have been arrested as a result of tips called in to DOR's Child Support Enforcement Division.

### Catherine V. Willett

Catherine V. (Winetti) Willett, 93, formerly of 50 Valley Street, Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She worked for 15 years as a waitress at the former Silver Star in North Agawam, and retired in 1953.

Born in Italy, she moved to West Springfield in 1916, and then here 77 years ago. She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

Her first husband, Dennis Simonetta, died in 1943, and her second, Ransom Willett, in 1968. A son, John Simonetta, died in 1953.

She leaves three grandsons, Leo G. of Richmond, Virginia, Joseph of Tallahassee, Florida, and John D. Simonetta of Tucson, Arizona, and a granddaughter, Mary Simonetta of Alexandria, Virginia.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, also in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

### Leo R. Glard

Leo R. Glard, 76, of San Diego, California, and formerly of Agawam, a retired accountant, died on May 7th in a Poway, California nursing home.

Born in Ware, he lived in this town before moving west 22 years ago. He lived in San Diego for eight years.

He was graduated from Northeastern University, was an Army veteran of World War II, and belonged to the Springfield Elks Lodge.

He leaves his wife, the former Laurelle M. Richard, and a daughter, Lynn Drewnowski of Agawam.

A private graveside service was conducted in Agawam Center Cemetery. Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, 01040.

### Thomas W. Whitaker

Thomas W. Whitaker, 76, of 438 Springfield Street, Agawam, a 10-year baker and the co-owner of the former Cake Box Bakery, died recently in a local nursing home.

He ran the business with his wife, the former Lucy R. Capaccio, until retiring 15 years ago.

He has also been a school bus driver for the town, a janitor at Agawam Junior High School, and a driver for the Meals on Wheels program.

He had worked for 28 years at the former Springfield Armory, and retired from there 40 years ago.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for 37 years. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Diane M. Mandirola of Suffield and Carol A. Whitaker of Brunswick, Maine; two brothers, Francis of Springfield, and James of Rockville, Connecticut; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Suffield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association, 570 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA, 01104 (attention James Buckley Fund).

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## Families

### Giant Flea Market Planned June 20th By Ag. United Methodist

Agawam United Methodist Church will hold a giant Flea Market on Saturday, June 20th to benefit its "Raise The Heat" Capital Funds Campaign.

Running from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the event has attracted dealers from near and far. According to Linda Spafford, General Chairperson, spaces are still available through contacting her at 16 Gargon Terrace, Southwick.

Church members will provide food on the spacious grounds behind the church on Rt. 57-Mill Street. Proceeds from the Flea Market will go toward the church's recently inaugurated campaign to replace its heating and lighting systems.

The Church will celebrate Aldersgate Sunday this Sunday, May 24th, the 254th anniversary of the "Warmed Heart" experience of John Wesley at Aldersgate St. in London.

At the regular 9:30 a.m. Worship Hour, Pastor Laurence Hill will preach on "Warmed Heart, World Parish." Prayers and Scripture readings will deal with the experience of inward love and outward action, which has been at the heart of the Methodist movement started by Wesley.

The choir will sing under the direction of Mrs. Love Ashton, and there will be a Children's Time before the children leave for Sunday School. A Fellowship Hour will be held following the worship service.

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57 across from the High School.

The public is always welcome, and information may be had by calling Pastor Laurence Hill, 786-5278 or Lay Leader Percy Mickey, 786-7991.

### Evening Of Romance Planned At Oaks Banquet Facility

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### Town Residents Can Honor Lisa Ziegert By Donating To Memorial Foundation

Agawam residents will soon have an opportunity to honor the memory of Lisa Ziegert through the establishment of a scholarship for future educators.

The Lisa M. Ziegert Memorial Foundation will provide scholarships for students planning to enter the teaching profession.

Country Flowers and Gifts, along with E.B.'s Restaurant and Jane Dennis, organizer of "Buy A Bow-Send a Box," will make and sell white bows, which will come in two sizes: a large size for \$5 and smaller pin-on bows for \$1 each.

All proceeds from the sale of these bows will go to the scholarship fund.

Bows may now be purchased at Country Flowers and Gifts, 501 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills and through Jane Dennis at 789-3402. Pin-on bows will also be sold at E.B.'s Restaurant, 385 Walnut Street Extension, Agawam.

For additional information or to order, call Country Flowers and Gifts at 786-7563 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

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## Spring Craft Fair At St. John's



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH was the site of a recent Spring Crafts Fair. IN PHOTO LEFT, pictured are Marion & Wilfred Marceau; in PHOTO RIGHT, Paula Raiche, Frank Kaminski, and Judy Shrader. Proceeds benefitted needy families in the parish. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Agawam Residents Involved With Annual DAR Luncheon

At the recent Annual Luncheon of the Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held at the Federal Hill Club in Agawam, Diane Little of Agawam, regent, brought to a close the Centennial Year of the Mercy Warren Chapter.

The luncheon, chaired by Gail Nadok of Agawam, was followed by presentation of past regents, the election and installation of officers for the 1992-93 year.

The Mercy Warren Chapter, oldest and largest in Massachusetts, celebrates its 100th birthday of chapter organization and the start of its second century of service of the Greater Springfield Area with a tree-planting ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on June 17th at American International College.

This will be held in honor of AIC's late benefactress, Mrs. Russell W. Magna of Holyoke. Mrs. Magna (Edith) was the 16th regent of the chapter and honorary past president general of the National Society (DAR) from 1932-1935.

Following the ceremony, chaired by Mrs. Little, there will be a luncheon at the Carriage House, Storowton Village, West Springfield.

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## Supper Helps Youths' Trip To Europe



AMY PROCHASKA and ELIZABETH KOPY were two of the kitchen helpers for the Operation Friendship Roast Beef dinner on April 25th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OPERATION FRIENDSHIP, an international summer youth exchange, sponsored at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, held another one of those benefit Roast Beef dinners on April 25th. Proceeds go towards a fund set aside to send a group of youths of the Feeding Hills chapter to Europe once school gets out. IN TOP PHOTO, Joseph & Andrea Bridge are enjoying their supper; IN PHOTO BELOW, Operation Friendship members Christine Mineo and Jesse Mueller are about to sit and enjoy their dinner. The event was held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Hall. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 12. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Professional Women To Install Officers

The Springfield Chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW) will hold its annual meeting and installation of officers on Tuesday evening, May 26th, at the Ramada Inn, West Springfield, starting at 6:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend, but reservations are required. Tickets are \$12 per person and may be ordered by calling Marian Gorman at 566-2431.

The new 1992-92 officers for the Springfield BPW are: President, Mary Jenewin-Caplin; 1st Vice President, Christine F. Mitchell; 2nd Vice President, Denise K. Devine; Recording Secretary, Laurie St. Cyr; Corresponding Secretary, Denny Sotiropoulos; Treasurer, Linda L. Matthews; and Assistant Treasurer, Darlene M. Demorad.



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## Agawam Women's Club Holds Banquet



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB** gathered at Casa Di Lisa Restaurant in Feeding Hills on April 27th for their Annual Banquet. **IN TOP PHOTO**, pictured are President Jessie Fuller (left), Jean Goss, and Brenda Curran. **BOTTOM PHOTO**, from left - Jean Goss, Pauline Woodruff, Bernice Nowill, Marjorie Greenough, Irene Pigeon, Phyllis Cathepaugh, and Barbara Wright. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## Town Fair Coming On Saturday, May 23rd

The day of the Agawam Town Fair will finally arrive this Saturday, May 23rd! (Rain date is May 30th.)

The Fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Perry Lane Park in Agawam, and promises to be lots of fun for families. Admission is free.

Come join the fun and win prizes at the many game booths. Have your child's picture taken as "The Little Mermaid," a "Ninja Turtle," or as a clown. And don't miss your chance at the dunking booth!

Other fun activities include face painting, candy, popcorn, food, and free balloons. And costumed characters from Riverside Park will be strolling the grounds.

Due to limited parking at Perry Lane Park, free shuttle bus service will be provided from Phelps School, courtesy of King Ward Bus Co., with the help of George & Green Real Estate.

The Fair is again sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, who would again like to thank all the businesses who contributed to make this event possible.

Proceeds from the game booths go directly to the sponsoring organizations. Proceeds from booths run by the Junior Women's Club will benefit the club's community projects.

For more information about the fair, please call Agawam Junior Women's Club members, Diane (786-5540) or Nancy (786-9972).

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

## Carol M. Ribeiro To Wed Mr. Groom

Mr. and Mrs. Joaquim M. Ribeiro of 73 Pleasant Drive, Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol M. Ribeiro, to William J. Groom of Feeding Hills.

Miss Ribeiro is a 1985 graduate of Agawam High School and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Westfield State College in 1989.

She is employed as a Proposal/Document Specialist with ABB C-E Services, Inc. in Windsor, Connecticut.

Mr. Groom is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School and attended Holyoke Community College. He is employed as a Material Attendant with Hamilton Standard, East Windsor, Connecticut.

A September 26th wedding is planned.

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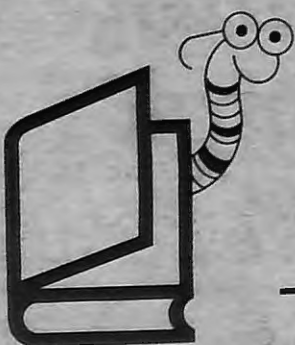
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Third, truth must also be unending. For it to be truth it must be eternally valid. What was true for the fifth-century man must also be true for the 20th-century man.

Using those guidelines, there is only one body of truth that can suffice—the Word of Truth, the Bible. It applies to everyone, in the same manner, for every age.

Whether one is a conquistador or a computer operator, rich or poor, black or white, the Bible is the truth upon which everyone can build a lasting life.

It is the wisdom for salvation, liberated living, and eternal security. Are you building your life on the unalterable, all-sufficient truth of the Bible—or are you following the vain reasonings of man?

## Helping Out With Operation Friendship



**OPERATION FRIENDSHIP**, the international summer youth exchange, with a chapter at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, held a Tag Sale on April 25th. Proceeds benefit this year's group of chapter members who are heading for Europe once school ends. Helping out at the Tag Sale are, from left - Todd Zern, Amyanne Tyrell, David Kasperowski, and Shelley Rose. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 28, 1992 at 7:15 PM, in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Dennis Aube for property located at South Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Published: May 21, 1992

## Next Commodity Food Distribution At Senior Center, Sacred Heart May 28th

The next Commodity Food Distribution in Agawam will take place on Thursday, May 28th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For those residents 60 and over with an Agawam zip code (01001), they can pick up their commodities at the Senior Center. For residents 60 and over with a Feeding Hills zip code (01030)—and all other eligible residents—the pick up will be at Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Please bring your old card to the site where you usually pick up your commodities, and a new card

will be issued. Anyone who does not have a card and is not registered, must come to the Senior Center the first time (please bring positive proof of income and residency with you).

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## 'Timeless Truth For Today'... It's Spring... For A Change!

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Agawam Church of the Bible

Spring is finally here. I know—our local meteorologists tell us it really started two months ago on March 21st, but we know that it arrived in New England about two weeks ago!

The L.S.I. (Leading Spring Indicators) make it clear that spring has truly arrived:

The sight of green leaves and budding dogwoods; the sounds of chirping birds and bat hitting ball; the smell of lilac and freshly-cut grass; and the feel of the sun that pushes the temperatures into the 70's.

The coming of spring marks a change. The pond behind our home, once covered with ice, is now covered with pollen. Coats and sweaters have been exchanged for shorts and short-sleeved shirts. A lawnmower has replaced my snow shovel.

By the time spring rolls around each year, we're ready for changes. A realtor friend tells me that many people start house-shopping in the spring simply because they want a change.

I've found, too, that some are looking for spiritual changes as well. Perhaps you are in this group.

Maybe you can't shake an emptiness that hasn't been filled by friends, possessions, or even religion. Perhaps, you are one who is longing to know for certain you are forgiven by God and have a real relationship with Him.

Can I make a suggestion? Start by getting a Bible, opening to the table of contents, and finding the page number for the book of John (it's located before the book of Acts and after the book of Luke).

Next, I suggest that you read a short portion from John each day, let's say, for a month. And each day, in a very simple way, ask God to show you how you can find forgiveness, real peace, and a secure relationship with Him. I assure you—He'll show you.

Oh, and let me know about the changes God begins to make for you. You can call me at 789-2904 or write to: P.O. Box 130, Agawam, MA, 01001.

I look forward to hearing from you.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TOR-92-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155, SECTION 155-15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM.

WHEREAS, The Town of Agawam sustains damage to its sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Agawam recognizes the need to protect its sidewalks from costly repairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Agawam Town Council that Chapter 155, Section 155-15 be amended as follows:

DELETE SECTION 155-15 IN ITS ENTIRETY.  
INSERT CHAPTER 155, SECTION 155-15 AS FOLLOWS:

No person shall damage any sidewalk owned by the Town. Damage to any sidewalk includes dislodging a portion of the pavement, and/or cracking and suppressing a portion of the pavement. Any person violating the provision of this Section shall be punished for each offense with a fine commensurate with a total replacement cost of the damaged section of the sidewalk.

DATED THIS EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MAY, 1992  
PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

Joanne H. Willis, President

Agawam Town Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGALITY

Thomas J. Locke, Solicitor

Published: May 21, 1992

## UNICO Chief Needs All The Help He Can Get



AGAWAM UNICO PRESIDENT Louis Russo checks out the baked goods table at the recent Macaroni Supper sponsored by the club on April 28th. Louie admitted he needs plenty of help running the club, and Kathy Newman, Rose Demastrie, Pat Lalancette, and Town Council President Joanne Willis all agreed. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### LEGAL NOTICE

### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 28, 1992, at 7:45 PM, in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, called to

act upon the petition of Michael Interbartolo, Jr. to perform work subject to the ACT on Southwick Street.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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## Crafts Fair Helps AHS Band Parents



THE AGAWAM HIGH BAND PARENTS held a crafts fair last month in the high school cafeteria. Selling crocheted pillows are, from left - Linda Katsograsakis, Gail DiPinto, and Carole Grenier. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CINDY CROSS and TERESE FIELD were two of the exhibitors at the Agawam High Band Parents Crafts Fair. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Junior Women's Club Receives Several State Awards At Conference

The Agawam Junior Women's Club was recognized by its state organization for some of its many accomplishments during 1991 at the Annual Conference of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts Junior Division, held on April 24th and 25th in Milford, Mass.

Each year a total of 34 clubs throughout Massachusetts compete for awards covering volunteerism and support in and around their communities. Awards are given annually in many areas, including the arts, conservation, education, home life, international affairs, membership, public affairs, public relations/communications.

Clubs are also awarded for their work involving special projects and contests which change every year, including the GFWC Junior Special Project (Chemical Dependency for 1991) and the State Junior Special Project (Homelessness for 1991). Clubs can be awarded Best Overall Club as well as Best Small, Medium, or Large Club in each area. The Agawam Juniors, which just under 40 members, is considered a Medium Club.

This year, The Agawam Junior Women's Club received awards in several areas, including Best Overall Club in Public Affairs and for Family Involvement, a division of Home Life.

In addition, the Agawam Juniors were awarded Best Medium Club in Home Life, Membership, Public Relations/Communications, and for the State Junior Special Project - Homelessness.

Fourteen members of the club attended the conference, including Rosalie Dialessi, Donna Shibley, Eileen Hamre, Liz Taylor, Eleanor Jean, Rhonda O'Donnell, Eva Jack, Sue Hoague, Pat Belisle, Ann Woodard, Diane Graveline, Laura Paul, Sue Trucshelli, and Stephanie Bertagnoli.

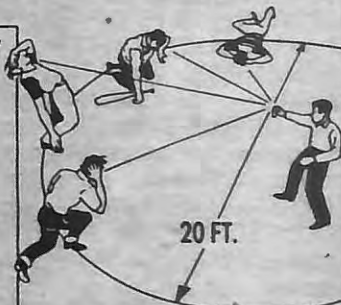
In addition to the awards the club received, those attending the conference also received a certificate for their participation in the conference's Junior Fun Night lip-synching contest.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to thank all of its members and the people and businesses in the community who have supported its many programs. Without this level of support, the club's community service would not be possible.

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## Tammy L. Renaudette Bride Of Robert Perry

Tammy Lynn Renaudette and Robert W. Perry, Jr., were united in marriage on April 4th at Central Baptist Church in Westfield.

The bride is the daughter of Sally Long Renaudette of Westfield, and George J. Renaudette of West Suffield. The parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Perry, Sr., of Feeding Hills.

Serving as maid of honor was Miss Kristen Rivard, a friend of the bride, and the bridesmaids were Miss Deanna Thornton, Miss Lynn Peterson (friends of the bride), Miss Debbie Folta (cousin of the bride), and Miss Kariann Perry (sister of the groom).

Tom Lariviere, a friend of the groom, served as best man, and the ushers were Will Stewart (friend of the groom), Dan Perry (brother of the groom), and Jim and Joe Renaudette (brothers of the bride).

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

The bride attended Westfield High School, and the groom attended Agawam High School.

## Happy 1st Birthday, Max



Love,  
Grandma Joan & Priscilla,  
Mom, Dad, & Willie

## Laughing Brook Open On Memorial Day

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden will be open to the public on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A special holiday program for families, **Wildlife in New England**, is offered at 2:00 p.m. and is included in the price of admission.

This guided walk will introduce visitors to the wildlife residents of Laughing Brook with an emphasis on their habits and habitats. Visitors can also explore scenic walking trails which wind through field and forest, or enjoy a picnic on the sanctuary.

The wildlife exhibit area is open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sanctuary admission is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and children ages three to 16. Children under three and Massachusetts Audubon members are admitted free.

For further information, call Laughing Brook at (413) 566-8034.

## Adoration Society To Join With Nuns

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will join the Cloistered Nuns in the Monastery of The Mother of God, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of The Blessed Sacrament Exposed, Friday, June 5th from 9:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning, June 6th.

This Special Observance, the first Friday being dedicated to the Sacred Heart, also the residence of the Nuns and essential part of their Life style and Community Rule, is **Perpetual Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament.

Reverend Sr. Mary of The Immaculate Conception, Prioress of the Community, Louis Gallerani, President of the Society and Edward R. Organeck, are in charge of arrangements.

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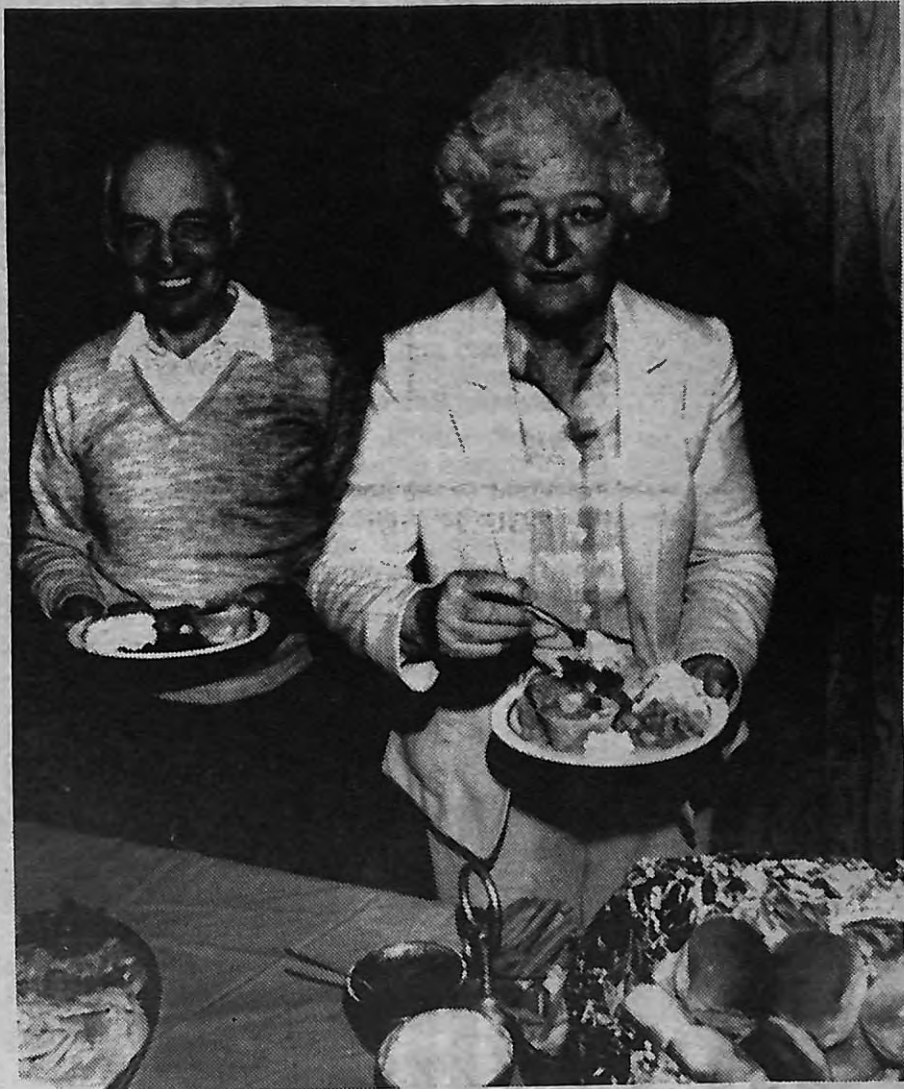
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# Saturday Night Smorg At 1st Baptist Church



THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH in Agawam Center held a Smorgasbord Dinner on Saturday, May 2nd. IN PHOTO LEFT, Luigi & Irene Della-Luna needed bigger plates; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Leona Booska, Dottie Thorpe, and Evelyn Abell were on the dessert detail. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



PART OF THE DELICIOUS SMORGASBORD prepared at the Agawam First Baptist Church on May 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Girl Scout Clinic At Dave's Soda City

Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council is sponsoring a two-session "Feathers, Fish and Fun" clinic where girls in grades four through six will have the opportunity to learn about birds and fish, pick up some tips on proper animal health care and feeding, and practice some training techniques for birds.

The sessions will run on Wednesdays, May 27th and June 3rd, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Soda and Pet Food City, 11 Ramah Circle, Agawam.

Cost for the two-session program is \$2 per girl for registered Girl Scouts and \$6 (includes registration fee) for non-registered Girl Scouts.

For registration and/or program information, call Joanne Allard at Pioneer Valley Scout Council, 525-4124.

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**MOLTA STAFF: Robert Molta - 569-5366; Peggy Lis - 569-3083; Kay Donaldson - 786-1288; Connie Burke-Galanek - 568-4115; Mike Molta - 569-5366**



## Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, May 25th:** Holiday - Memorial Day.

**Tuesday, May 26th:** Broccoli & cheddar soup, open face turkey sandwich, cranberry sauce, fresh fruit.

**Wednesday, May 27th:** Stuffed pepper, extra sauce, mashed potatoes, wax beans, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

**Thursday, May 28th:** Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, cabbage, Canadian oat bread, peaches.

**Friday, May 29th:** Applejuice, vegetable lasagna, tossed salad, oatmeal bread, plums.

## Littlefields Announce Birth Of Daughter

Robert and Laurie Littlefield of Lincoln Street, Feeding Hills, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter.

Weighing in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measuring 20 inches long, Stefanie Lyn made her debut on April 17th.

On hand to greet her at home was her four year old big sister, Victoria Lee.

Paternal grandfather is Howard Littlefield of Florida. Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Barbara Russo of Agawam. Paternal great-grandmother is Mabel Berriman of Springfield. Maternal great-grandparents are Marlo Cammisa and Rose Russo, both of Agawam.

## Ag. Congregational Lists Upcoming Events

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam announces its list of upcoming events and activities.

On Sunday, May 24th, a representative from the Gideon Society will be the guest at their special Memorial Day Worship Service.

The service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, May 31st, there will be a Talent Auction following the Worship Service. Come and bid on the volunteers' talent of services that are offered. This will benefit the senior high youths going to Wisconsin in June and other upcoming youth events.

The Second Annual Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 13th. Polish your clubs and practice your swing. The 18 hole Golf Tournament will be held at St. Anne's Golf Course.

The fee is \$25. All men, women, junior and seniors are encouraged to participate. The tournament will begin at 10:00 a.m.

For tee times, contact Charlie McCobb, 786-8195 or the church office, 786-7111.

The Third Annual Talent Show is planned for June 14th. Enjoy a night of entertainment put on by talented youths and adults.

The first rehearsal was Sunday, May 17th, at 6:30 p.m. All were invited to participate in this event.

Call Grace Tilden for more information at 786-3942.

The next New Member Class will be held Thursday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

## Parent Workshop At Agawam Library

On Thursday, May 28th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Agawam Public Library will present a parenting workshop by Darlene Woolson entitled, "The Healthy Family of the 1990's."

Included in the program will be a discussion on why old ways of raising children don't work any longer, and what are some new good ways that do work!

The themes of how to develop a good parent-child relationship, nurturing a relationship with your spouse, and enhancing your own self esteem will be explored.

Darlene Woolson is the Home/School Adjustment Counselor at Phelps Elementary School. With a Master's Degree and six years of experience of being in this position, Ms. Woolson has written a handbook for parents entitled, "The Handbook of Parenting Tools For Healthy Growth and Development of Elementary School Children."

The handbook was funded by a Horace Mann grant and local PTO's. Ms. Woolson has already conducted parenting workshops in the community.

This project is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I Funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library funding.

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## Lisa Fitzsimmons To Wed Mr. Pepper

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzsimmons of 22 Freemont Street, Westfield, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Fitzsimmons to Michael Pepper, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pepper of 86 Fox Farm Road, Feeding Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of St. Mary's High School and a 1988 cum laude graduate of Our Lady of Elms College in Chicopee. She is a registered nurse employed in the neonatal intensive care unit at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1984 graduate of Springfield Technical Community College. He is employed by Northeast Utilities as a cable splicer.

An October 10, 1992 wedding is planned at St. Mary's Church, Westfield.

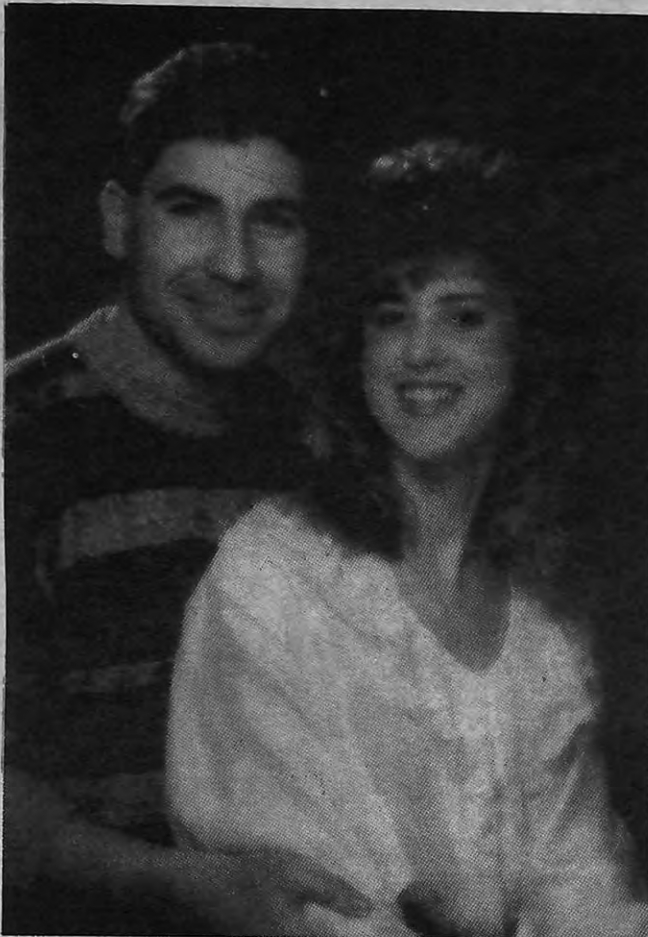
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Agawam and Feeding Hills residents only may call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to reserve a kit.



Lisa Fitzsimmons & Michael Pepper

Check our classifieds

## Denise VonMarshall At Smith College

Eight women students from Springfield Technical Community College, including Denise VonMarshall of Feeding Hills, will spend five weeks this summer living and studying at Smith College.

All tuition and living expenses will be provided through the Smith/Community College Connections Summer Program. The objective of the program is to encourage community college students, especially minority students, to complete their baccalaureate degree at a four-year college. An STCC faculty member will be a member of the teaching team for the program.

Ms. VonMarshall will arrive at Smith College on May 31st to settle in and attend orientation. Classes begin Monday, June 1st, and continue through July 2nd. The women will be invited to a picnic barbeque on June 20th, and to a college fair on June 24th. This fair will provide information on the Ada Comstock Scholars Program at Smith, through which non-traditional students may transfer to Smith. Each year several STCC women graduates are accepted at Smith through this program.

The Smith/Community College Connections Summer Program will offer three courses, "Between Worlds: Lives and Societies in Transition"; "Controversies in Women's Health: Science and Ethics"; "Giving Voice to Our History: Reading, Writing, Performing."

The participants will be required to take two of the courses, and will be awarded six credits from Smith College for successful completion of the courses.

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## Pheasant Hill Social Club Installs Officers



ATTENDING THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS for the Pheasant Hill Social Club in Feeding Hills are, from left - Betty Brown, Mary Gordon, Ellen Kloster; and committee members Ruth Blanck, Jenny Juzba, Irene Dion, and Rose Mezzetti. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## St. Anthony's Church Publishes Cook Book

St. Anthony of Padua Church of North Agawam has published a Family Cookbook of cherished and favorite recipes by parishioners, friends and relatives so others may share and enjoy them.

The cookbook of 250 recipes contains a brief history of the "Italian Church" in North Agawam and includes some Italian family traditional recipes.

Copies can be purchased for \$6 from the Holy Rosary Society members, or at the rectory, or by calling Ernestine Book at 786-5438.

There is free delivery to any Agawam resident.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 28, 1992 at 7:30 PM, in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for William Robinson for property located at South Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Published: May 21, 1992



OFFICERS OF THE PHEASANT HILL SOCIAL CLUB, from left - Roberta McMillan, Rose Mezzetti, Ernest Dumond, Jerry Balboni, Irene Dion, Marilyn Roberts, Frank Paradiso (president), and Roland Roberts. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Spotlight On Business

## Plants At Decaros



OVER AT DECARO BROTHERS NURSERY on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, manager Bill Raymond says "C'mon down. We have plenty of nice plants for this Memorial Day Weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## Common Sense With Your \$\$\$

by Raymond Rose

Feeding Hills  
786-5241

### Your Personal Credit

As a follow up to my last column, this week I'd like to review information about credit reports. It's important for you to have a good understanding on how they work.

#### Keeping Your Credit Report Private

Your credit report, along with the agencies that maintain credit files, are closely regulated and monitored to assure the privacy of the information in your personal credit file. No person or company should have access to your credit report unless there is a specific business reason for checking into your credit history.

Anyone who inquires into a credit bureau's data base must show a business need for the information and be a customer of the credit reporting agency. The reporting agency cannot release information regarding your credit history unless the information is required by that individual or company to make a decision concerning the extension of credit.

#### Inquiring About Your Credit Report

The Fair Credit Reporting Act guarantees that you can find out the status of your credit report if you were denied credit within the past 30 days because of the information contained in your file. The creditor will notify you in writing and should provide the reasons for rejecting your credit application as well as the name and address of the credit reporting agency they used to obtain the information.

The agency will disclose to you the information contained in the file free of charge if they are notified of your denial within 30 days of receipt of the creditor's letter.

If you have not been rejected for credit recently, or just want to look at your credit report, simply contact a credit reporting agency by letter or telephone (look for these agencies on page 158 of our phone book). The credit reporting bureau will charge a fee (approximately \$15) to release the report to you.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you have the right to dispute any item contained in your credit file. Please realize that credit bureaus never assign credit ratings to your file ... they only insert information on your report which was given to them by your lenders regarding your payment history.

Thus, if there's a mistake on your report, typically, it's not the credit agency's fault ... it usually lies with your creditor.

#### What To Do About Mistakes On Your Credit Report

You look at your credit file and you find areas that are not accurate ... what do you do? Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you are allowed to dispute any item contained in your credit file which you feel is not correct. By law, the credit bureau is then required to investigate and remove any information that is not accurate.

What if you are still not satisfied with the credit agency's resolution? Even if you cannot change the actual information contained in the report, you do have the right to insert a statement of 100 words or less explaining why you feel the report is inaccurate.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about your credit report or credit bureaus. My office number is 1-800-552-1044 ... and my 24 hour home phone is 786-5241. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

#### BITS & PIECES

I've had a very busy two weeks. Last month, I announced that Community Mortgage Company from Central Massachusetts had a need for a mortgage officer in Western Massachusetts, and that I had accepted their offer. With interest rates falling and home sales picking up, I've been extremely busy just writing up loans.

SEE RAYMOND ROSE - Page 23...

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2) Who won baseball's Triple Crown in 1967? \_\_\_\_\_

3) What variety show host first brought the Beatles to the American television screen? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Financial Planning

by Howard A. Dickstein  
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### Refinancing Your House Can Help Finance Retirement

You might feel good after refinancing your home mortgage at a lower interest rate and saving a few bucks each month, but don't pat yourself on the back just yet.

Trimming your monthly mortgage is only half of your mission. The other half is putting that extra \$50, \$100, or \$200 to work by investing it or using it in some other constructive way that will help you reach your long-term financial goals.

A record number of people have refinanced their homes during the past year because of low interest rates. But it is all too tempting to spend the extra booty.

Before you do that, consider putting the money into one of these areas:

- A mutual fund. Let's say you cut \$100 off your monthly payment. You could use that to dollar-cost average into a mutual fund, meaning you would put the same amount into a fund or funds each month. The fund could be used for retirement, college educations for the kids, or some other long-term goal.

- Pay down debt on your credit cards, bank loans, consumer loan, or even student loan. This is becoming a priority among many people, especially since credit card rates remain sky high at 18 and 19 percent. Cleaning up your balance sheet by paring down debt is one of the first steps toward achieving your financial goals.

- Rebuild or build up savings for emergencies. In today's uncertain economic times, you would be wise to have three- to six-months' living expenses saved up in case you lose your job or suffer some major financial setback.

- Supplement your insurance needs. You may need additional health insurance or disability.

You may even want to consider some type of long-term care insurance.

- Fund an IRA or contribute to your 401(k). Contrary to popular belief, IRAs still exist and are a viable retirement vehicle for many people. You can hardly go wrong contributing more to your 401(k) plan.

- Make improvements to your home that will increase the value, but make sure you don't do something that will decrease the value, such as putting in a swimming pool. Consider re-carpeting, re-painting, a new deck, or some other improvement.

The above ideas primarily will improve your financial situation. The extra money also could be used for lifestyle improvements.

For example, you may need to replace your car before it breaks down or have a major repair job done—or you might use the money to join a health club so you can get into shape and possibly save on health care costs.

Whatever you do with the money, don't squander it. Remember, there is no such thing as free money.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 567-1772.

### RAYMOND ROSE - from Page 22...

This past Monday, there was a major announcement stating that we at Community Mortgage Company had agreed to merge with Bristol Mortgage Corporation out of Connecticut to form one of the largest residential lending companies in New England with a projected annual goal of approximately three-quarters of a BILLION dollars in mortgages.

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We can review your situation with absolutely no obligation (... we can talk by phone or go out for a quick coffee at a local restaurant, whatever you'd prefer). Feel free to give me a call if I can help you. Thanks!

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## The Big 50 Happy Birthday



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**THE KEY TO TIME MANAGEMENT ...** Set your priorities every day ... then do the **most important task FIRST!** In this way, you'll do the most important task when you're at your best, thus, you should do a better job.

Then, the rest of the day is downhill ... and it's usually easier to resist interruptions while you're working on your top priority. At the end of the day, you'll feel great knowing that you've accomplished your number one priority ... even if nothing else in your plan gets done.

**ROBBERY SELF DEFENSE ...** cut up the cartons from high-value purchases (TVs, VCRs, CD players, computers, etc.) and dispose of them in trash bags to avoid alerting thieves of new purchases.

## Town Clean-Up Day Set For May 30th

The Agawam Townwide Clean-up Day will be held on May 30th, 1992. The annual event is held to give the town a facelift after a long winter. Clean-up activities will concentrate on the removal of litter from major streets, schools, and parks. The clean-up is entirely manned by volunteers from the community.

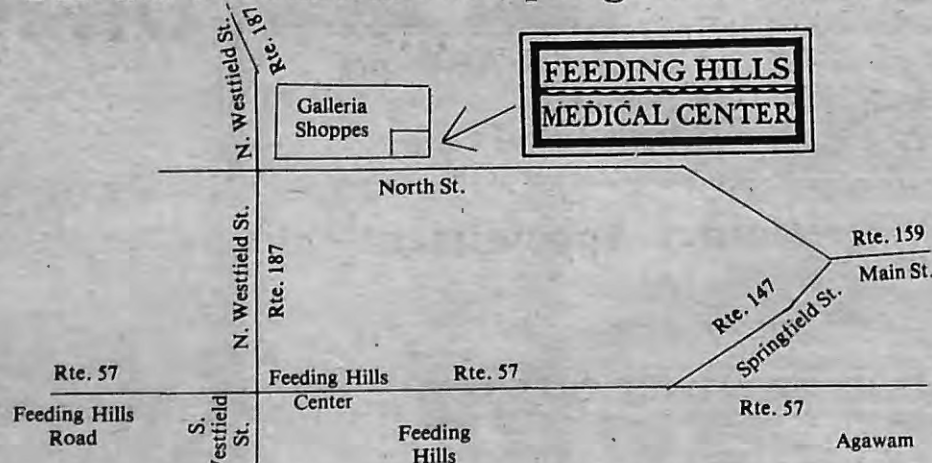
Clean-up will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers will meet at 10:00 a.m. at St. David's Church. All children participating in the clean-up should be cautioned beforehand to avoid broken glass or rusted objects, and should wear gloves if possible. Young children should also be accompanied by adults.

The success of the Clean-up Day is dependent upon the number of volunteers who participate. All interested individuals are asked to call the Agawam Planning Office at 786-0400, extension 283.

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## For Your Health

### Faulty Food Handling Is No Laughing Matter When You Get Sick!

by The Agawam Health Department

Reports show that there are thousands of foodborne illnesses reported each year. However, 6.5 to 8.1 million Americans may actually suffer its symptoms without reporting it to local or state health agencies. Mild cases can often be confused with flu or cold-like symptoms.

Investigations of foodborne illness are crucial in identifying faulty food handling practices. If these can be found, we can eliminate the circumstances from reoccurring through education and modification of the facility.

Health inspectors can identify problems such as potential cross contamination or poor time/temperature control, thus preventing illness from reoccurring in a food service establishment. For this reason, it is imperative that each person that exhibits foodborne illness symptoms contact their local health department.

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There are four common foodborne illnesses which will be briefly described below.

1) **Staphylococcus:** This bacterial forms a toxin and it's the toxin that makes people ill. The incubation period is very short, usually two to four hours. If someone develops symptoms of Staph during the night, generally the lunch or dinner they had that day was the source.

"Symptoms" are nausea, cramps, vomiting, prostration, and diarrhea. People are very acutely ill, but are not sick for very long (one to two days). Bacteria is commonly found in the nose, throat, and mouth of humans and transmitted to food.

2) **Salmonella:** Incubation is a little longer than Staph, generally 12 to 36 hours.

"Symptoms" are fever, chills, bodyache, vomiting, and diarrhea. Symptoms are usually mild and last from three to 14 days.

Salmonella bacteria is commonly found in raw foods such as beef, pork, poultry, eggs, and milk.

3) **Clostridium Perfringens:** Produces a heat-stable toxin. Incubation is 10 to 12 hours.

"Symptoms" are similar to Staph—diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and nausea. The illness tends to be acute, short-lived, and non-fatal. Clostridium Perfringens is found in soil, dust, and the intestinal tracts of most animals and humans.

4) **Campylobacter:** Causes an illness similar to Salmonella. Its incubation period is a little longer, three to five days.

"Symptoms" cause severe vomiting and diarrhea and lasts one to 10 days. Bacteria can be found in poultry, beef, pork, water, soil, and sewage.

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The most common reasons for foodborne illness is the following:

1. Leaving food at room temperature too long.
2. Cooling hot foods too slowly.
3. Improper food handling.
4. Undercooking or not reheating cooked foods thoroughly.

If you develop any of these symptoms, you should notify your local health department.

## Annual Children's Miracle Network Telethon Again On TV-22 Weekend Of May 30th, 31st

Baystate Medical Center's sixth annual Children's Miracle Network Telethon—to support health care programs for children—will broadcast live over WWLP-TV22, May 30th and 31st, from the Grand Ballroom of the Springfield Marriott.

The Telethon will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday evening and end at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

This is the first year the Telethon will be held at the Marriott. It was previously broadcast from a makeshift television studio inside the Medical Center.

According to Dave Lorenzatti, director of the Children's Miracle Network, all of the money raised in Western Massachusetts goes directly to Baystate and its affiliate hospitals, Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, and Mary Lane Hospital in Ware.

Baystate Medical Center is one of 160 hospitals in the United States and Canada selected to benefit from the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

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Locally, the Telethon has raised \$1.6 million

since 1987 and has funded over 75 projects, including the purchase of new equipment and financial support for new and ongoing children's medical programs.

Phillip E. Lamb, chairman of the board, president, and CEO of Springfield Institution for Savings, is serving as the Telethon chairman for a second consecutive year.

"The Telethon provides important financial support, enabling Baystate Medical Center to meet the growing demand for children's health services," Lamb said.

Hosting the Telethon will be news reporter and anchorwoman Lynn Barry, and sports director Rich Tetterer, both of TV22, and Lorenzatti.

National segments, co-hosted by entertainers Marie Osmond and John Schneider, will originate from Disneyland.

Baystate Medical Center is the largest provider of children's health care services in Western Massachusetts and includes the region's only newborn and pediatric intensive care units.

## Memorial Memories To Friends & Relatives Available Through American Heart Asso.

Massachusetts residents can keep more than memories of family or friends alive when they participate in the American Heart Association's memorial gift program.

"Think of bypass surgery, pacemakers, CPR courses, and blood pressure medication, and you're talking about advances made possible in part by memorial contributions to the American Heart Association," says Anthony Cerce, Jr., Chairman of the Massachusetts Affiliate's Development Committee.

The American Heart Association sends a memorial program sympathy card to the bereaved on behalf of each contributor. The amount of the

contribution is not disclosed to the card recipient.

"The contribution can be from an individual or from many, such as a family or group of employees," Cerce explains.

For more information on the memorial program, call the American Heart Association, Massachusetts Affiliate, at (508) 620-1700.

The American Heart Association is dedicated to reducing disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke, which take the lives of almost one-million Americans each year.

Last year, more than \$193 million was spent for research support, public and professional education, and community programs.

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## This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

### —Lethal Weapon 3

The highly touted "demolition" sequence that comprised most previews for *Lethal Weapon 3* is the kind of photo finish that climaxes movies, but here director Richard Donner simply answers a question: what to do with a great sequence that is totally irrelevant to the rest of the film?

The answer: use it; it fills up a good 20 minutes. The Mel Gibson/Danny Glover team is back but not better than ever. The jokes are stale, the action endless and repetitive, and in the wake of the Rodney King cops' acquittal, not as funny as it once was.

Gibson's back and living life in a headbanging 1980's style that doesn't quite fit the 90's; he's still barging in where angels fear to tread. And Glover, this time with retirement pending, is trying hard to retire with all his body parts intact and in working order. It's a hard job when your partner with Gibson's style of cop.

The plot has them tracking the suppliers of deadly—and hot—automatic weapons that were apparently stolen by former cops from the city's arms warehouse.

Their investigation involves intimidating and beating up informants in madcap fashion, and action is plentiful: car chases, car crashes, stunt-work aplenty, and wry, dry jokes coming a wisecrack a minute.

*Lethal Weapon 3* is destined to make money

among the soda and popcorn crowd, but fell short of my expectations (and wishes) for a "real action" cops-and-robbers story with two great leading men.

In fact, the scene stealer throughout the film was Rene Russo as a female cop with a lethal kick; as Gibson's love interest with a similar penchant for snappy dialogue, she has what he co-stars lost along the way.

*Lethal Weapon 3* tries to rest on prior success, and while its action will cull a certain and substantial box-office return, it left too many viewers asking, "What happened?"

The second most asked question is, "What did they do with the cat they saved in the opening scene?"

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### COMING ATTRACTIONS:

As summer rounds the corner, via Memorial 'Movie' weekend, filmmakers are taking their best and worst shots at the box office dollar.

It's a season of sequels, not the least of which is *Alien 3* (opening Friday), with Sigourney Weaver recreating her survivor role as Ripley, ready to do weaponless battle with "the bitch," who's back for another interstellar battle.

Weaver, in an interview after the release of the original *Alien*, said the role was "one of the few good roles for women. Ripley is a strong character. I'd love to play her again."

She did, and is doing it for the third time, which

(hopefully) will hold the same harrowing attraction as I and II.

*Batman Returns* this summer with Michael Keaton at the hooded hero, along with Michelle Pfeiffer as the sultry, seductively feline Catwoman, and Danny DeVito as the wobbly Penguin. It's much ado about one of the best comics (barring Superman) to ever hit the silver screen.

In the wake of a disappointing *Lethal 3*, this reviewer is crossing not only fingers but toes...

Also on the agenda for summer—another "least common denominator" high school film called *Encino Man*, about an ice-age human who's about to enter high school, California style, a million years beyond his time.

Rick Moranis returns in a Disney offering, *Honey, I Blew Up The Kid*. The title is self-explanatory, but whether the delightful charm of his shrunken kids will carry over is the \$64 dollar question.

Ralph Bakshi (*Fritz the Cat*) makes a comeback with an animated adult cartoon titled *Cool World*, about a comic strip artist who's lured into a fantasy world by seductress Kim Basinger.

Matthew Modine and Jennifer Grey are paired in *Wind*, an adventure set against the backdrop of the America's Cup races.

And, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Bridget Fonda are paired in *Single White Female*, a psychological thriller about obsessive attachments between roommates.

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**ADVERTISER NEWS**

## Agawam Repertory Theatre Holding Auditions For Fall Production Of "Anne Frank"

The Agawam Repertory Theatre (ART) announces that it will be holding auditions for the drama "The Diary of Anne Frank" on June 1st and 2nd. The auditions will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on each evening and will take place at The Red Door Theatre at Valley Community Church, 152

South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Men and women of all ages are encouraged to audition for this production, which is being directed by Bob Laviolette and will be presented in mid September.

For more information, call 567-5484.

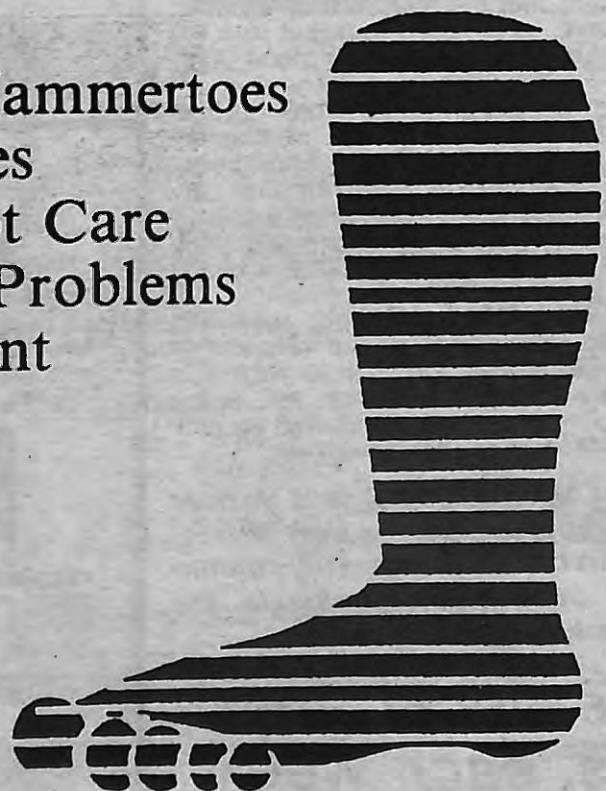
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## Veterans' Memorial Needs Donations For Repairs

by Robert D. Chadbourne  
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

I got a letter from some sort of private fundraising organization last week, and I'm not sure how or whether I'll respond.

It seems the Vietnam memorial, now about 12 years old, I guess, is falling on hard times. The pedestrian traffic is tremendous. Some walkways are badly deteriorated, more new ones are needed, emerging changes continue to be needed as names go from MIA (missing in action) to KIA (killed in action) and there are other general housekeeping expenses.

I haven't yet researched the government's real responsibility to keep up a memorial, but this group feels the present burden as it is explained, rests on the public's shoulders for private donations. I'm by no means sure if that need be.

I was of mixed mind when they built that big black wall. On the one hand I didn't feel I needed it. However, when I first saw it up close it had a powerful impact on me. I searched and found the names of friends who had been killed, and it put me into a real emotional state.

The memory that has haunted me the most was one of a young man who had a perfectly awful intelligence gathering plan that required him to stay overnight in a village that we controlled by day, but the Viet Cong occupied by night.

I constantly refused, but when I left to come home he persisted with his plan to my replacement, who gave him the go-ahead. The letter from a buddy telling me the kid was dead got to my home before I did.

A Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund committee set some guidelines to record all these stories without the faintest idea of what the finished product would look like. The rules were that the names were to be the memorial. It had to be apolitical, and harmonious to the site.

For some it didn't help that the winning entry was by submitted a Chinese-American girl, a Yale architecture student from Athens, Ohio, U.S. born as were her parents. Maya Lin was as American as chop suey, but the bitter found her heritage unsettling.

There's something haunting about that black granite wall. Even Maya Lin, who once visited it like any other citizen, to search for the name of the father of a friend, burst into tears. Later she said, "I reacted to it just as I designed it."

The veteran committee got \$9 million from the American public in the original donations. All the government was really called upon to do was provide the two-acre site. The mood of the nation was by no means unanimous in favor of a memorial to honor those of a war that hardly anyone found honorable.

Yet, when the Senate discovered the only thing it was being asked for was land, not money, the legislation got all 100 members as co-sponsors, and when it came to the floor, it was passed in just seven minutes.

I never felt a need for the place, but the names won me over with a power and life of their own. When the sunlight hits the marble it is warmed, even on cold days, as if young men put into the earth rise out of that earth, and their blood flows again.

There is no order of rank. They appear alphabetically from Gerald Aadland of Sisseton, South Dakota to David Zywicko of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. It has been so tremendously therapeutic to the public because, when a child is ripped from your life, you cling to the one thing that cannot be taken away: his name and the memory of the joy of his birth.

Back when this nation was split regarding whether to build this memorial, the veterans of the day raised the money and built it. Now it is one of America's busiest landmarks, yet we are reminded that only those who supported its construction are willing to pay for its upkeep.

**ROBERT D. CHADBOURNE** is a former TV-22 news reporter who is now a freelance journalist in this area. His column is published on a regular basis in *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

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Once upon a time, homeowners thought they had to dump a ton of chemicals on their lawns to keep them green and beautiful. But, in the long run, that practice proved harmful to turf and even more dangerous for the planet.

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Defender grass seed contains endophytes, naturally occurring fungi that resist insect damage without insecticides. Look for these new turfgrass mixtures at hardware stores, chain retailers, and local lawn and garden centers.

### Nurture An Organic Lawn

By nature, organic lawns are stronger, healthier, and more immune to attacks by weeds and insects than chemically-treated ones. They also require much less labor.

In fact, the less work you put into a chemical-free lawn, the better the results. For example, one long, deep watering each week is far more beneficial than shorter, daily waterings.

A good, healthy soaking six to eight inches deep allows water to reach the grass roots, and enables them to withstand heat and drought. Don't water again until the top inch of soil is thoroughly dry.

Thinking about putting off mowing the lawn? Go right ahead. Mowing is stressful on grass, especially if mower blades aren't sharp. Dull blades shred grass, making it vulnerable to insects and disease. You'll know it's time to sharpen the blades if the lawn appears gray or white after mowing.

To maintain an attractive, healthy lawn, cut only the top one-third of the grass at each mowing. If

your lawn is three inches high, then remove just the top inch. Remember, the recommended height for cutting depends on the grass type, where you live, and time of year. (If you need advice, call your local county extension agent.)

In early spring, when grass is growing rapidly, you may need to mow the lawn more than once a week. This may sound like extra work, but it's really not. A lawn maintained at the proper height is easier and faster to mow.

### Let Clippings Lie

And, instead of throwing away lawn clippings, reuse them as mulch in the garden. Clippings are an environmentally-sound way to control and discourage weed growth, and help the soil stay moist longer. They also work as a natural fertilizer.

Make sure, however, that clippings are dry. Wet clippings tend to mat together, which may damage any grass trapped underneath the clumps. Should it rain after you've mown the lawn, simply rake up the clippings for composting.

If fertilizers are used according to their package directions, they don't pose an environmental problem. Though chemical fertilizers quickly green up the lawn, they do so at the expense of good root development. Instead, use a slow-release, organic nitrogen fertilizer to guarantee steady nourishment.

Begin fertilizing newly seeded lawns when the grass reaches a height of 1½ to two inches. But, don't overdo it. Overfertilizing, even with an organic fertilizer, will only encourage weed growth and may cause runoff into water systems.

Follow directions on the package for the right amount. Then water immediately. Established lawns should be fertilized twice a year, once in mid to late May (after the lawn's flush of spring growth), and again in mid to late October. Be sure to use the amount recommended for each specific turfgrass.

Growing the lawn of your dreams doesn't have to turn into an environmental nightmare when you take the time to do it right.


## Junior Women Plan Crafts Festival In June

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is holding its 18th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival on June 13th and 14th on the grounds of Agawam High School. Admission is free. Crafters from all over New England will be selling their handcrafted items, such as quilts, jewelry, toys, furniture, dolls, and much more.

A craft corner with activities for children will be

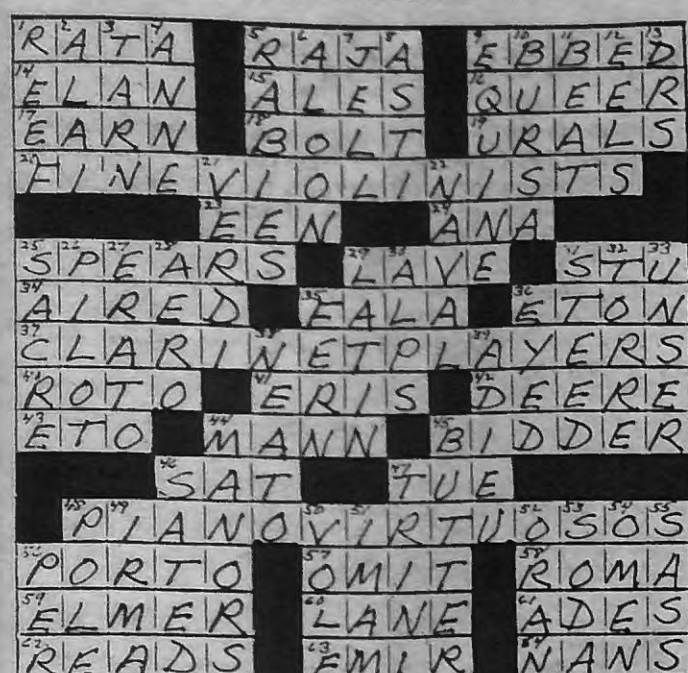
staffed by club members. A food concession is also planned. Proceeds from the festival go to graduating high school seniors to assist them in their goals for higher education.

Last year the club raised over \$4,600 and are awarding \$4,800 to this year's graduating seniors. The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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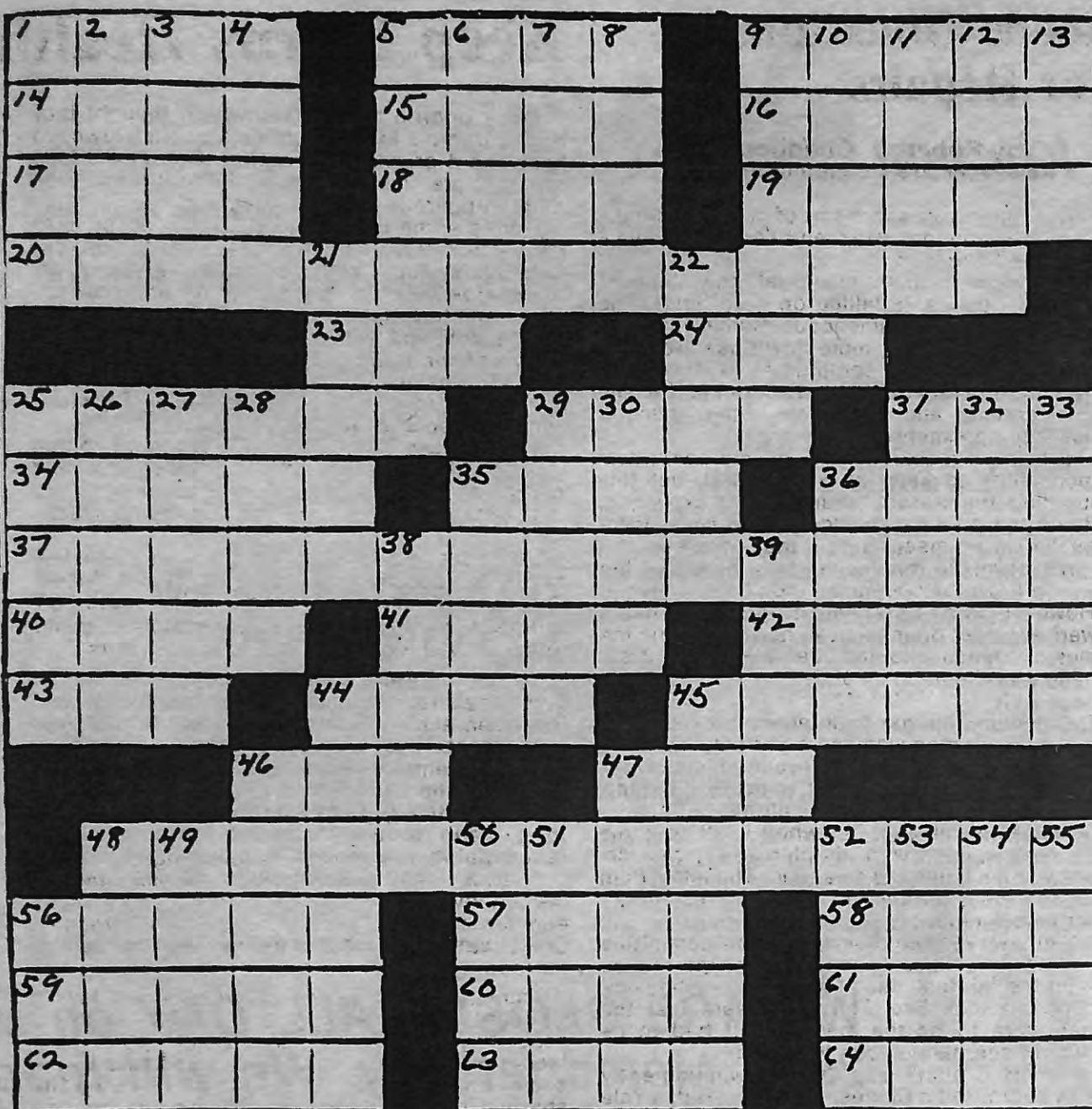


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## MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



## Westfield Theatre Group To Hold Auditions

Auditions for the Westfield Theatre Group's fall production of the comedy classic "Harvey" will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 8th and 9th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

There are parts for six males and six females, ranging in age from 20 to 60. Anyone interested in working backstage is also encouraged to come to auditions.

The production dates for "Harvey" are November 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st, 1992. Rehearsals will begin midsummer.

"Harvey," written by Mary Chase, is about a man who tells everyone his best friend is a six-foot, invisible rabbit named Harvey, a role made famous by Jimmy Stewart. The production will be directed by CTA award-winning director, Larry Andersen.

This production of "Harvey" is supported, in part, by funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, as administered locally by the Westfield Arts Council.

For further information, please contact Larry Andersen, 568-8149, or Shelley Haber, 568-5328.

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- 2 ripe, medium Dole Bananas, peeled
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- 2 tablespoons margarine, melted
- 2 cups buttermilk baking mix
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 can (8¾ oz.) apricot halves, drained, quartered
- ½ cup Dole Raisins

- Puree one banana in blender (½ cup); beat with eggs, sugar, milk, and margarine.
- Combine baking mix and cinnamon; beat into banana mixture.
- Chop remaining banana; fold into batter with apricots and raisins.

- Divide batter between 2 (9-inch) round cake pans which have been greased and lined on the bottom with wax paper. Bake in 375°F oven 25 to 30 minutes until golden brown.
- Remove from pan. Peel off wax paper. Cut into quarters. Serve with syrup and garnish with banana slices, if desired.

- Serves 8.
- Per serving: 298 calories, 5 g protein, 8 g fat (2 g sat.), 52 g carbohydrate, 449 mg sodium, 69 mg cholesterol.
- Prep time: 20 minutes; Bake time: 30 minutes

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### Try Eggs d'Epinars For An Elegant, Easy Brunch

Eggs d'Epinars is a delectable version of standard Eggs Benedict. The colorful, tasty differences are pineapple slices and spinach.

#### EGGS D'EPINARDS

- 2 bunches Dole Fresh Spinach (1½ lbs.), rinsed, stems removed
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 2 tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon tarragon, crumbled
- 1½ cups milk
- 1 cup shredded light Cheddar cheese
- Salt to taste
- 8 thin slices Canadian bacon or ham
- 8 eggs

- 2 cans (8 oz. each) Dole Pineapple Slices, drained
- In a large saucepan, cook spinach in ½ inch boiling water for 3 minutes or until bright green and wilted. Drain well; keep warm.
- In a small saucepan, melt margarine over medium heat. Add flour and tarragon; cook until mixture is foamy. Gradually stir in milk. Cook, stirring, until sauce is thickened and smooth. Add cheese; stir until melted. Add salt if desired.
- In a lightly greased skillet, warm Canadian bacon.
- Poach eggs.
- Arrange spinach on 4 plates. Top each serving

with 2 slices of Canadian bacon, 2 pineapple slices, and 2 poached eggs. Spoon cheese sauce over top. Serve immediately.

- Serves 4.

Prep time: 20 minutes; Cook time: 15 minutes

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Sweet & sour fish, a classic Cantonese entree, has been adapted for quick and easy microwave cooking. "Microwave Sweet & Sour Fish Rolls" feature thin white fish fillets wrapped around colorful strips of carrot and green onion.

Their zesty flavor comes from using Kikkoman Sweet & Sour Sauce—a blend of sugar, vinegar, naturally brewed soy sauce, tomato paste, pineapple, onion, green bell pepper, garlic, and spicy red pepper.

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#### MICROWAVE SWEET & SOUR FISH ROLLS

- ½ cup Kikkoman Sweet & Sour Sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar, packed
- ¼ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 small carrot, julienned
- 2 green onions & tops, cut into 2-inch lengths and julienned
- 1 pound thin white fish fillets

Combine first 3 ingredients and 2 Tbsp. water in microwave-safe cup; coat carrot and green onions with 1 Tbsp. sauce mixture in microwave-safe bowl. Cover; microwave on High 1½ minutes.

Meanwhile, cut fish into 2 x 5-inch pieces; brush lightly with sauce mixture. Place equal amounts of vegetables crosswise in center of each fillet. Roll up fillets and place in microwave-safe baking dish, seam-side down; brush lightly with sauce mixture.

Cover; microwave on Medium-high (70%) 3 minutes. Rotate dish; microwave 3 minutes longer. Uncover; let stand while heating sauce. Cover remaining sauce mixture; microwave on High 1½ minutes. Arrange fish rolls on serving platter; pour sauce mixture evenly over fish. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

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by Edith LaFrancis  
Town Historian

### The Tax Collector

Since the constable in colonial times already had wide powers of "arresting and of breaking open houses and the like," he was given the job of collecting taxes. If the treasury was short, he often got the blame, although the task of collecting (taxes) was far from simple.

In this land of thriving farmers there was a shortage of one important thing - cash. Ships bringing supplies took much of the coin back of England. Thus, the colonists resorted to the use of Wampum and farm products as money. Taxes were payable in corn (meaning all grains and peas), beaver, cattle, pigs, hogs, lumber, and cloth. These were termed "Country Pay."

The constable was given the power to impress boats and carts to use in getting taxes to the treasury. Livestock walked long distances overland to the point of collection. By the time the government paid the constable, paid for freight, feed for livestock, storage for grain, the taxes had shrunk. An attempt in 1685 to collect in money failed.

#### Petitioned The Govt. In 1685

On May 27th, 1685, Springfield petitioned the government to receive their rates "in corne and noe more require any money of your moneyless petitioners."

Neighboring Suffield sent a like petition: "let it be judged abundantly enough for us to pay henceforward our country's dues in corne, when we can raise it and are not forced to go to other towns to work for corn for our families."

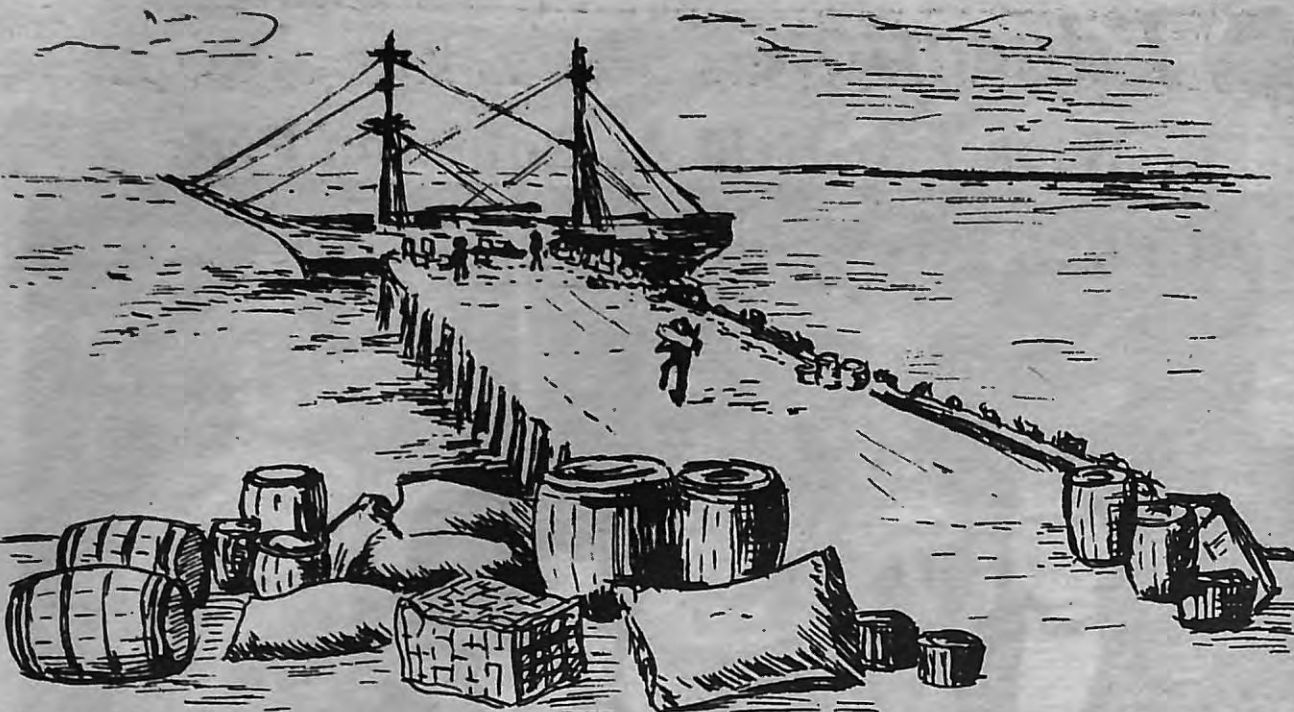
This was granted "if paying in good merchantable corne at one third part less price than is set in the Country Rate and deliver the same to the treasurer in Boston, and their own charge, casualties of seas excepted."

In 1693, a constable of Springfield, employed to collect the province tax, received 130 bushels of dried peas. He made half a dozen trips to Hartford and one to Boston to complete arrangements for shipment.

He still had the problem of getting the "taxes" to Hartford to be loaded on the sea going vessel. This he set out to do himself. Somewhere in the rapids where Enfield Dam is now located, he met with sudden disaster - and the taxes were water soaked and ruined. His fellow townsmen petitioned the court that he might not be charged for the loss and this was granted.

By this time the colonists were making coins in their own mint and paper money was being used. Thus, in 1700, constables were no longer burdened with transporting taxes in the form of "Country Pay."

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## Education

### Book Fair Held At Robinson Park



GRADE THREE ROBINSON PARK STUDENTS, from left - Rebecca Crum, Jamie Riley, and Amie Braica make their selections at the school's Book Fair with Karen Chmura. Advertiser

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ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL recently held its Annual Book Fair. Adults in the photo are Josie Helm (seated), Sue Alvanos (right), and Lori Ruscio (middle). Students in photo are Charles Jasak, Robert Fitzgerald, and Christina Climo. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

## School Chief Hunt Narrows Field To Three Finalists

by Iris Copson  
School Department Editor

The School Committee voted on its choice of three finalists for the position of superintendent of schools at a special meeting last Friday, May 15th, in the Middle School auditorium.

As chairman of the School Committee, Mayor Christopher Johnson announced before the voting took place that the amount of votes garnered by each finalist was not indicative of a "front-runner." He added, "Many searches have resulted in the individual who was in third place being chosen as the superintendent."

Johnson, Vice Chairwoman Teresa Kozloski, Secretary Linda Galarneau, and members Susan Pettazzoni and Louise David voted for Vincent Simone, Superintendent/Principal of the Carlisle Public Schools.

John Gawrys, Jr., Superintendent of New Fairfield Public Schools in Connecticut, received votes from Mrs. Galarneau, Mrs. Kozloski, Mrs. David and member Roberta Doering.

On the first round of ballots, there was a three-way tie for the third candidate and a written second vote had to be taken before Superintendent of Limestone, Maine Public Schools, Bernard Ryder, was announced. Bernard garnered votes from Johnson, Mrs. David and Mrs. Pettazzoni on the second ballot.

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The field of semifinalists had narrowed to a group of eight after the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, working as a contracted agent for the Agawam School Committee, had selected 10 semifinalists.

Assistant Superintendent for Springfield Public Schools, John Shea and Diana Lam, former Superintendent for the Chelsea Public Schools, both withdrew their applications before the voting took place on Friday evening.

The three candidates tied for third place on the first ballot were Ryder, Superintendent of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (Shelburne Falls) Bruce Willard, and Frank Cummings, Superintendent of Nauset Regional School District (Orleans).

Superintendent Gerald Fortier (Southwick-Tolland Regional School District), an Agawam resident, received two votes cast by Mrs. David and member Louis Massola on the first ballot.

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There were originally 44 applicants applying to fill the job which will begin August 1st of this year. The appointment is expected to take place on June 9th, after more elaborate interviews with the three finalists to be conducted by the School Committee on June 5th and 8th. (The total compensation package, including fringe benefits, will be negotiated in the \$70,000 to \$80,000 range.)

The School Committee also announced its intention to make on-site visits to the community and school system presently employing each of the three finalists before making their choice for a new superintendent.

Agawam Superintendent James Bruno announced his retirement last fall and is expected to retire officially in October, 1992.

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SOME OF THE VOCAL TALENT ON DISPLAY at Agawam High School's Annual Vaudeville Show on May 28th includes, from left - Michael Cooper, Andrea Parent, Keith Comtois, Erin Pettazzoni, Rose Pignatare, and Beth Lacienski. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Agawam High Talent To Be Showcased At Annual Vaudeville Show May 28th

by Irls Copson  
School Department Editor

Agawam High School Music Director Steve Files recently held tryouts for the Annual Vaudeville Show singers. Auditions were open to all high school students on Wednesday, May 6th, and acts were lined up outside the Music Room and ready to go.

The Vaudeville Show will open at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 28th on the AHS stage. Advanced tickets are selling for \$3 per person and can be purchased by contacting Files at 789-1400, ext. 410.

Tickets will be \$4 at the door.

A panel of judges evaluated each performance using a comment sheet to help select the top 20 routines to be included for the show. Bob Casinghino, owner of Lion Recording Studio in Agawam, AHS Theatre Director Margo Poulin, Foreign Language Instructor Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan, and English teacher Joanne Brown sat

on the panel of judges.

The comment sheet consisted of rating pitch control, tone quality, rhythm, dramatic expression and confidence. Files said, "Bob (Casinghino) helps me out with the shows here in the auditorium. The tryouts give the kids an opportunity to be evaluated and students get the comment sheet back afterwards."

He added, "Besides the songs, the show will include skits and dance routines put together by the kids. The skits and dances are not judged."

The Vaudeville Show is fun for all ages and usually includes a wide variety of music and entertainment.

This year's show is slated for an evening performance on the last school day for AHS seniors. Files noted, "It's usually a sellout crowd."

## AHS Faculty Member Richard H. Joseph Receives Honor

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation is pleased to announce the 1992 Woodrow Wilson National Institute on High School Biology.

The program will take place on the campus of Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey from July 5th to July 31st.

The four-week intensive program for high school teachers recruits from all over the United States, and those winners are selected for depth of academic background, experience in curriculum development and demonstrated leadership.

Agawam High School teacher Richard H. Joseph of 760 Cooper Street, Agawam has been chosen to participate in this prestigious program.

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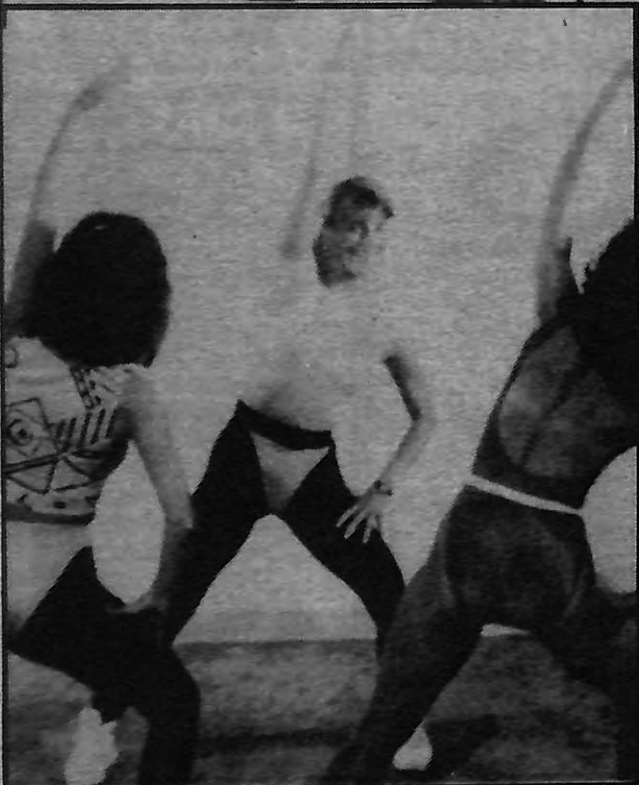
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